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**CHAPTER 13.**

AN ACT to amend 2.01 (47) and (55) of the statutes, relating to transferring territory therein described from St. Croix county to Pierce county.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. 2.01 (47) and (55) of the statutes are amended to read:

2.01 (47) PIERCE: Beginning in the Mississippi river in the western boundary line of this state at the mouth of the Rush river; thence due east to the range line between ranges 14 and 15 west; thence north on said range line to the township line between townships 27 and 28; thence west on said township line to the *southeast corner of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 31, township 28 north, range 18 west; thence north to the northeast corner of the said southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of said section 31; thence west along the sixteenth line to the northwest corner of the southwest \* \* \* quarter of the southwest \* \* \* quarter of section 36, township 28 north, range 19 west; thence south to the township line between said townships 27 and 28; thence west to the western boundary of this state; thence southerly along said western boundary to the place of beginning.*

(55) ST. CROIX: Beginning at the southeast corner of township 28, of range 15 west of the meridian aforesaid; running thence north on the range line to the township line between townships 31 and 32; thence west on said township line to the western boundary of this state; thence southerly along said western boundary line to the township line between townships 27 and 28; thence east on said township line to the *southeast corner of section 35, township 28 north, range 19 west; thence north along the section line between sections 35 and 36, township 28 north, range 19 west, to the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of said section 35; thence east along the sixteenth line to the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 31, township 28 north, range 18 west; thence south to the township line between townships 27 and 28; thence east along said township line to the place of beginning.*

SECTION 2. The territory detached by section 1 of this act from St. Croix county and attached to Pierce county shall not be entitled to share in, participate or receive or be entitled to any part of the county property or funds of St. Croix county and said territory shall not be liable for any portion of the indebtedness of St. Croix county, except that such territory's proportionate share of any indebtedness existing by reason of bonds issued by St. Croix county shall be assigned to Pierce county which county shall cause to be levied and collected upon all the taxable property of the county in one sum or in annual instalments the amount necessary to pay the principal and interest when the same shall become due, and Pierce county shall pay the amount so collected to the treasurer of St. Croix county who shall apply the moneys so received strictly to the payment of such principal or interest. The share of such indebtedness to be so assigned shall be such proportion of such bonded indebtedness as the assessed valuation of all the taxable property in the territory transferred bears to the assessed valuation of all the taxable property of St. Croix county according to its last assessment roll. The county boards of supervisors of St. Croix and Pierce counties, or committees thereof selected for that purpose, acting together, shall constitute an apportionment board. The county board of supervisors of Pierce county shall fix a time and place for meeting and cause a written notice thereof to be given to the county clerk of St. Croix county at least 5 days prior to the date of the meeting. The apportionment may be made only by a majority of the members from each said county who attend, and in the case of committees, the action must be affirmed by the county board of supervisors which the committee represented. In case the apportionment board is unable to agree, the circuit court of either of said counties may upon the petition of either county, make the apportionment and orders necessary under this section.

SECTION 3. The board of supervisors of the county of Pierce shall procure or cause to be procured at the expense of said county of Pierce, duly certified transcripts of such records as may relate in any manner to or affect real estate or any other property or business or proceeding pertaining to the said territory so detached from the county of St. Croix and attached to the county of Pierce. The amount to be paid for such duly certified transcript shall not exceed the amount per folio as

allowed by law for similar work, and for each certificate the sum of 15 cents and no more shall be allowed; such duly certified transcripts shall be admissible as evidence in all courts of this state and shall be prima facie evidence of the matters therein contained. All other expense in connection with the carrying out of this act shall be met by Pierce county.

SECTION 4. All lands and real estate being a part of the territory so detached from St. Croix county and attached to Pierce county heretofore sold for taxes, or which may be sold for taxes shall be subject to redemption, and those remaining unredeemed may be advertised and conveyed by the county of Pierce, and the deeds issued upon such lands by the county of Pierce by or through its officers shall be as effectual as other tax deeds, and the county clerk of the county of Pierce is hereby authorized and empowered, and it is hereby made his duty to execute and deliver to the persons entitled thereto under and by virtue of the laws of the state of Wisconsin tax deeds upon all lands, unredeemed from any tax sale prior to the year A. D. 1944 made by the county of St. Croix and embraced within the territorial limits of the territory so attached to Pierce county by which tax sale certificates have been heretofore issued by said county of St. Croix, or which may be hereafter issued on sales of land returned delinquent and sold previous to the taking effect of this act. The county clerk of the county of Pierce is hereby authorized and it is hereby made his duty to vary the phraseology of such tax deeds from the form prescribed by the statute of the state of Wisconsin so as to make the recital of such tax deeds conform to the facts in regard to the sale of lands and the issuing of certificates of sale therefor, and in all matters of recital and description necessary vary and change the same so as to conform to the facts in each case and no tax deed issued by the county clerk of the county of Pierce under the provisions of this act shall be adjudged void on account of the form thereof providing that such deeds are in the form provided by law and modified as authorized by this act, and all such deeds shall be as valid and effectual to pass the title of lands described therein to the grantee named in such tax deeds as if said lands had remained in and such tax deeds had been executed by the county clerk of St. Croix county in which such lands were situated at the time of the tax sale thereof.

SECTION 5. The territory transferred from St. Croix county to Pierce county constitutes the first ward of the city of River Falls. The supervisor of such first ward shall continue as supervisor of said ward for the term elected and until his successor shall be elected and qualified pursuant to law, but he shall be a member of the county board of supervisors of Pierce county. The alderman of said ward shall continue as such for the term elected and until his successor shall be elected and qualified pursuant to law.

SECTION 6. This act is hereby submitted to a referendum vote of the people of St. Croix county at the election to be held on the first Tuesday of April, 1943, at which election any qualified elector of said county may vote on the question which shall be stated on a separate ballot as follows:

“Shall the first ward of the city of River Falls be detached from St. Croix county and attached to Pierce county as provided in chapter laws of 1943?”

YES

NO



At each polling place there shall be provided a separate box to be used only in which to deposit all such referendum ballots. As far as practicable and applicable the provisions of chapter 6 of the statutes shall apply to such referendum. Upon completion of the canvass the vote in said county shall be certified to the secretary of state, who shall declare and publish the result. If a majority of the electors voting on the question in the county shall vote in the affirmative then sections 1 to 5 inclusive of this act shall be in full force and effect from and after May 1, 1943.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved March 11, 1943.