Oconto counties. The division between the east and west sections shall be a line running along the western boundaries of Outagamie, Winnebago, Fond du Lac, Dodge, Jefferson and Walworth counties. At least 2 of the members shall be men who have had comprehensive business experience and also practical knowledge of highway planning and construction. All members shall devote full time to their duties and shall have no other remunerative employment. Any 2 of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum with power to transact all business of the commission.

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CHAPTER 524.

AN ACT to amend 16.54 of the statutes, relating to the exemption of certain officers and employes of cities of the first class from the civil service law applicable to such cities.

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

16.54 of the statutes is amended to read:

16.54 Officers who are elected by the people, or who by the statutes are required to be elected by the city council, inspectors and clerks of election, one deputy in each department whose office was created and exists by reason of statute, members of any board of education, the superintendent and teachers of schools. heads of any principal departments of the city, all members of the law, fire and police departments, * * * persons employed temporarily in the office of the city treasurer or other officer to assist in making out the tax roll, one private secretary of the mayor and any other officers, clerks or employes in the service of the city whose positions, in the judgment of the said city service commissioners, cannot, for the time being, be subjected, with advantage to the public service, to the general rules prepared under this act, shall not be affected as to their election, selection, or appointment by such rules made by said commissioners. When any position to be filled involves fiduciary responsibility or the handling of money, the appointing officer may require the appointee to furnish him a bond or other security for

the faithful performance of his duty, the amount to be fixed by the appointing officer, with the approval of the mayor. Each bond shall be approved by the city attorney as to the form and execution thereof, and by the common council as to the sufficiency of the sureties therein; provided, however, that any surety company, the bonds of which are accepted by the judge of any court of record in this state, shall be sufficient security on any such bond, and that the premium on such bond, within the limits fixed by law, shall be paid out of the city treasury. The appointing officer shall immediately after the execution of such bond, file a certified copy of the same with the city clerk.

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CHAPTER 525.

AN ACT to repeal 40.39 (2) (a); to amend 20.27 and 40.39 (2) (introductory paragraph) and (b), 40.47 (5) and 71.19 (1); and to create 70.59 of the statutes, relating to state aid for high schools, providing for a referendum and making an appropriation.

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

Section 1. 20.27 of the statutes is amended to read:

20.27 There is appropriated from the general fund to school districts and cities maintaining free high schools and to school districts maintaining union and consolidated free high schools, payable upon certification of the state superintendent, annually, beginning July 1, * * * 1943, * * * \$3,500,000 to be paid out of the normal income tax as provided in section 71.19 and in addition the gross proceeds of the taxes received under section 70.59. In no event shall the amount payable hereunder exceed the actual cost of the operation and maintenance of the school as determined by the state superintendent.

Section 2. 40.39 (2) (introductory paragraph) and (b) of the statutes are amended to read:

40.39 (2) (Introductory paragraph) State aid shall be paid annually, on or before * * * March 15 in each year, to school districts * * * of all classes maintaining one or more