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CHAPTER 422.

AN ACT to amend 40.303 (4) (b) of the statutes, relating to notices of hearing and time of conferences in connection with reorganizations of school districts by the county school committee.

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

40.303 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

40.303 (4) (b) Have the power, upon the petition of an elector of the county or upon its own motion, to order the creation, alteration, consolidation or dissolution of school districts within the county, subject to the referendum provisions of subsection (8) but all orders of the county school committee providing for the reorganization of school districts shall not take effect until the end of the school year except those involving one or less school districts. Before voting upon any such order it shall be the duty of the committee, at a regular or special meeting, by resolution, to provide for a public hearing on the proposed reorganization which shall be held not more than * * * 30 days after the date of resolution at a place within the district proposed to be reorganized or within a reasonable distance of such district. Notice in writing of the time and place of the hearing shall be served forthwith upon the clerks of the school districts affected by the proposed reorganization. It shall be the duty of the clerks of the districts affected to post notices of such hearing in 4 or more public places in their respective districts and cause such notice to be published once in a newspaper having general circulation in the area affected, not less than 10 days before such hearing. One of the notices shall be posted on the outer door of the school house. Failure of the school clerk to post such notices shall constitute malfeasance in office. Within * * * 30 days after the hearing on any proposed plan of reorganization and prior to the issuance of any order thereon, the county committee shall hold a conference on the plan of reorganization which they propose to order with the school boards of the districts involved in the proposed plan, and the order issued shall represent the decision reached at this conference.

Approved June 26, 1951.