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CHAPTER 18

AN ACT to amend 40.02 (5) and 40.03 (1) of the statutes, relating to joint school committee orders.

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

SECTION 1. 40.02 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

40.02 (5) If *the* territory to be affected by a proposed order of a county school committee lies in 2 or more counties the county school committees of said counties shall act as a joint committee. The secretaries shall * * * *agree which county superintendent shall act as secretary of the joint committee and on the time and place * * * and give notice of a public hearing as provided in s. 40.025 (2).* If *at the public hearing on such order* the joint committee cannot agree, they shall appoint an additional member. The additional member shall be a resident of the state but not a resident of either county affected. If the joint committee cannot agree upon an additional member within 30 days after * * * *such* initial joint meeting, the secretary shall immediately notify the circuit court judge within whose jurisdiction the largest portion of the counties involved lies, and he shall appoint an additional member within 15 days.

SECTION 2. 40.03 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

40.03 (1) Upon the filing of a petition of an elector residing in the area of a proposed reorganized district or upon a resolution adopted upon its own motion, the county school committee may order the reorganization of school districts within the county, subject to the referendum provisions of sub. (6). The secretary of the committee shall set a date for a public hearing on the proposed reorganization which shall be held not more than 30 days after the filing of the petition or the date on which the committee ordered such a hearing when the committee initiated the proceedings, at a place within the district proposed to be reorganized or within a reasonable distance of such district. *If a proposed order is subject to joint committee action, the secretaries of the several committees shall agree which county superintendent shall act as secretary of the joint committee and on the time and place for a public hearing, which shall be held simultaneously with the meeting of the joint committee to adopt an order*

therefor. Notice in writing of the time and place of the hearing shall be given as provided in s. 40.025 (2). Within 30 days after the hearing on any proposed plan of reorganization and before the making of any order thereon, the committee shall hold a conference on the proposed order of reorganization with the school boards of the districts involved. The committee action taken shall represent the decision reached at this conference and an order conforming therewith shall be made within 10 days and filed with the county superintendent as provided in s. 40.025 (5).

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