

quired by such city or village, and compensation be made therefor in the manner provided in sections 895 to 903, inclusive, of the revised statutes, and by such corporations in the manner provided in the sub-division of chapter 87 of the revised statutes, entitled "acquiring land by right of eminent domain."

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.  
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### CHAPTER 166.

AN ACT to legalize the proceedings of a school district meeting held in school district number one, town of Magnolia, Rock county, Wisconsin, and to legalize the official acts of the officers of said district.

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

Legalized.

SECTION 1. The proceedings of the adjourned annual meeting of school district number one, of the town of Magnolia, in Rock county, state of Wisconsin, held on the sixteenth day of September, 1879, at which there was located a site for a school house in said district, and authority voted the district board to obtain a loan of money from the state school fund for the purpose of paying for said school house; and all the acts of the school district officers of said district for the year 1879, in purchasing a site for a school house in said district and letting contracts for building, furnishing and seating the same, are hereby legalized and declared legal and valid.

SECTION 2. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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### CHAPTER 167.

AN ACT for the better protection of public health.

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

Protection of  
the public  
health.

SECTION 1. Every town board, village board or common council of every town, village or city in this state shall hereafter, within thirty days after

each annual election, organize themselves into a board of health, or shall appoint from their own members a suitable number of competent persons, who shall organize by the election of a chairman and clerk, and exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of a board of health for such town, village or city, as defined in the revised statutes, and every board of health shall, within ten days after being organized as above specified, appoint a competent and proper person who shall be, whenever the same is practicable a reputable physician who shall be the health physician and health officer of the town, village or city, and who shall hold office during the pleasure of the board, and until his successor shall have been duly appointed and qualified; and in case of the occurrence of a vacancy by reason of the death, resignation, removal or refusal to serve, of any such health officer, the board of health shall, within twenty days thereafter, fill such vacancy by making a new appointment, as herein provided, and immediately upon the appointment of any health officer as herein provided, the board of health making the same shall transmit to the office of the state board of health the name and postoffice address of the health officer so appointed, and all health officers appointed under the provisions of this act shall be ex-officio members and executive officers of the boards by whom they are appointed; provided, that this section shall not apply to any town, village or city which by its act of incorporation, or amendment thereto, shall have provided for the appointment of a health board and a health officer.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of every health officer, appointed under the provisions of this act, or by the provisions of special charters, upon the appearance of small-pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, Asiatic cholera or other dangerous contagious disease in the town, village or city under his supervision, immediately to investigate all the circumstances attendant upon the appearance of such disease, and to make full report thereof to the board of which he is the executive officer and also to the state board of health, and it shall be the duty of such health officer at all times promptly to take such measures for the prevention, suppression and control of the diseases herein named as may in his judgment be needful and proper, sub-

Duties of  
health officers.

ject to the approval of the board of which he is a member, and it shall be the duty of every health officer to keep and transmit to his successor in office a record of all his official acts; and the salary or other compensation to be paid to every health officer appointed under the provisions of this act, shall be established by the board of health by whom such officer shall be appointed.

Further duties.

SECTION 3. Whenever any physician, residing and practicing in this state, shall know that any person whom he shall be called upon to visit is sick with small pox, scarlet fever, diphtheria, Asiatic cholera or other dangerous contagious disease, he shall immediately give notice thereof to the board of health of the town, village or city in which such sick person shall be at the time, and any physician who shall refuse or neglect to give such notice for a period of forty-eight hours shall, on conviction thereof, be liable to a penalty of not less than five (\$5) nor more than twenty-five dollars (\$25) for each day of such refusal or neglect after the expiration of said forty-eight hours; provided that the notices herein required may be sent by mail or, except in the case of cities, may be given to or left at the residence of any member of the board of health, and notices so mailed or given within the time specified shall be deemed a compliance with the provisions of this section.

SECTION 4. All expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this act, or any of them, shall be paid by the town, village or city by which, or on behalf of which, such expenses shall have been incurred.

District attorney to prosecute.

SECTION 5. Upon complaint made in writing, under oath, by any citizen of the state, before any magistrate or justice of the peace, charging the commission of an offense against any of the provisions of this act in his county, it shall be the duty of the district attorney to prosecute the offender, and all sums recovered under the provisions of this act shall be for the benefit of the school fund.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication, and all acts and parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act, in so far as they contravene the same, are hereby repealed.

Approved March 27, 1883.