

[No. 248, S.]

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CHAPTER 124.

AN ACT to amend subdivision 14, of section 430, section 437, and section 554, of the revised statutes, relating to common schools.

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

Relating to
schools.

SECTION 1. Subdivision 14, of section 430, of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word, "five," where it occurs in the second line and inserting in lieu thereof the word, "six," so that said subdivision when so amended shall read as follows: 14. To determine the length of time a school shall be taught in their district the then ensuing year, which shall not be less than six months; and whether such school shall be taught by a male or female teacher or both, and whether the school money to which the district is entitled from the school fund income, and from the town, shall be applied to the support of the summer or winter school, or a certain portion to each, but if such matters shall not be determined at the annual meeting, the district board shall determine the same.

Section
amended.

SECTION 2. Section 437, of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word, "five" when it occurs in the fourth line of said section, and insert in lieu thereof the word, "six," so that said section, when so amended will read as follows: Section 437. If any district shall not, at its annual meeting, or at a subsequent special meeting, prior to the third Monday of November following, vote a tax sufficient to maintain a school in said district for the term of six months, during the ensuing year, the district board shall, then, on or before the Wednesday next following said third Monday of November, estimate and determine the sum necessary to be raised to maintain such school, and the district clerk shall forthwith certify to the town clerk the amount so fixed, who shall assess the same as other district taxes are assessed, and all school money received from the school fund income shall be applied exclusively to the payment of teachers' wages.

SECTION 3. Section 554, of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by striking out of said section the words, "five months," whenever they occur therein, and inserting in lieu thereof, the words, "six months," so that said section, when amended, will read as follows: Section 554. The school fund income which shall have been received up to and including the first day of June, shall be apportioned by the state superintendent between the tenth and fifteenth days of June, in each year. Such apportionment shall be made among the several counties and the several towns, specially incorporated villages and cities in each county, according to the number of children in each, over the age of four, and under the age of twenty years, as shown by the reports made to the state superintendent during the year preceding; but no apportionment shall be made to any town, village or city which shall have failed to raise by tax, during the preceding year for the support of common schools therein, a sum equal to one-half the amount of its share from the school fund income, unless the town or village board, or common council of such city so failing shall have transferred, as they are hereby authorized to do, from the general fund to the school fund of the town, village or city, for such purpose, the amount of deficit in such school tax, and the town, village or city clerk, shall have filed with the state superintendent his certificate showing such transfer to the school fund, and his apportionment thereof to the proper school districts, or transfer to the board of education before the tenth day of June; and no apportionment shall be made to any city, village or town for any school district therein, for any year during which such district shall not have maintained a common school, taught by a qualified teacher, for six months, unless the state superintendent shall be satisfied that school was so taught for three months, and the failure to maintain it for the full six months, was occasioned by some extraordinary cause and not arising from neglect or intent to avoid the legal obligation, nor to any town, village or city, nor for any school district, reports of which, as required by law, shall not have been made and transmitted during the preceding year to the state superintendent; nor to any city for any year, the report

for which shall not show that the number of children, between the ages aforesaid, residing therein, has been ascertained by an actual census taken under the direction of the board of education, or other body having the government of common schools therein, by their clerk or persons of their appointment for that purpose. Whenever a certified statement of the county clerk of any county, made to the state superintendent, shall not show that the amount required by law to be raised for school purposes has been directed to be raised during the year by the county board, the amount of the school fund income otherwise apportionable to such county shall be withheld and added to the capital of the school fund.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.
Approved March 20, 1885.

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CHAPTER 125.

AN ACT to amend chapter 98, of the laws of 1881, entitled, "an act to provide for a consolidation of joint school districts numbers two and five of the city and town of Ripon."

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

Section
amended.

SECTION 1. Section 20, of chapter 98, laws of 1881, is hereby amended by striking out the word, "superintendent" and inserting after the words, "by the," in the sixth line of said section, the words, "clerk of said board," so that said section shall read as follows: Section 20. All moneys required to be raised by virtue of this act, or being raised as herein provided, shall be held by the treasurer of said city, and by him placed to the credit of said board of education, and shall be drawn out only in pursuance of a resolution or resolutions of said board, by drafts drawn by the clerk of said board, and countersigned by the president of said board, payable to the person or persons entitled to receive such moneys; and the