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CHAPTER 438.

AN ACT to amend section 492 of the statutes as amended, relating to election of free high school district officers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 492 of the statutes as amended by chapter 345, laws of 1903, and chapter 329, laws of 1905, is amended to read:

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CHAPTER 439.

AN ACT to amend section 1927 of the statutes as amended, relating to organization of town insurance companies.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1927 of the statutes, as amended by chapter 202, laws of 1901, is amended to read:

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(In effect July 1, 1907.)

and may confer the management and control on the existing school board or on a special board created thereby. The resolution may be amended or repealed by a resolution submitted and adopted in the same manner as above provided.

(Ch. 344, 1907.)

State aid to high schools; \$50,000 per year. SECTION 491b. 1. Upon receiving the reports and appended certificate provided for in section 496, it shall be the duty of the state superintendent to make a separate and distinct class of the schools thus established and maintained in the districts designated in section 491a as amended by this act, and each such school shall be entitled to receive from the general fund of the state, annually, one-half the amount actually expended for instruction therein; and said superintendent shall fix the amount to be paid to each of said high schools and certify the same to the secretary of state at the time and in the manner he is now required to fix and certify to him the amount to be paid to high school districts.

2. The amount of any such certificate, shall be paid at any time after the first day of December, out of the state treasury to the district treasurer; but the whole amount so paid shall not exceed * * * *fifty* thousand dollars in any one year to this class of free high schools and if more is demanded by such districts they shall be paid proportionally.

3. The secretary of state shall annually include and apportion in the state tax all such sums as shall have been so paid, in addition to the amount authorized to be paid in aid of free high schools by section 496 and in addition to all other sums to be levied for the year.

(Ch. 571, 1907.)

Free high school elections: ballots, boxes, canvass, certification, Board's duties. SECTION 492. 1. The officers of each free high school district shall be a director, treasurer and clerk, whose terms shall be each three years beginning with the annual town meeting and until his successor shall have been chosen; provided that at the first election the clerk shall be chosen for one year, the treasurer for two years and the director for three years. All of said officers may be chosen first at the same election at which the question of establishing a high school is submitted, to take their offices if the resolution therefor be adopted. Thereafter such officers shall be elected at the annual town meeting or charter election. The votes cast shall be can-

vassed and the result declared and certified as provided.

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2. But in all cities not under a county superintendent which now constitute free high school districts or which shall hereafter adopt the resolution provided for in section 490 and become free high school districts, the board of education in each such city shall be the high school board, and the city treasurer shall be *ex officio* the treasurer of the high school district, unless the board of education embrace a treasurer.

3. And in all districts maintaining a graded school of not less than two departments which now constitute free high school districts or which shall hereafter adopt such resolution, the district board in each shall be the high school board and the district treasurer shall be the treasurer of the high school district.

4. Whenever a sub-district shall vote to establish and maintain a free high school, such sub-district shall constitute a free high school district, shall elect a free high school board, the clerk for one year, the treasurer for two years and the director for three years; thereafter one officer shall be elected annually in place of the one whose term expires at the annual meeting of such sub-district and such high school board shall perform all the duties and have the same authority as high school boards in towns or districts.

5. The clerk shall certify all taxes levied for high school purposes to the town, city or village clerk, who shall apportion the same upon the taxable property of the sub-district, and the treasurer of such municipality shall collect the taxes thus apportioned and pay over the same to the high school treasurer and return the delinquent taxes to the county treasurer as in other cases. * * *

6. *Separate ballots and a separate ballot box for school district officers shall be provided.*

7. *The names of candidates for school district officers voted for shall be printed or written on a ticket separate from the town, village or city ticket, and the ballots cast at this election shall be canvassed according to the statutes for conducting elections in the municipalities interested, the results certified to by the canvassing officers to be sealed and placed in the hands of the chairman of the town, the president of the village board of trustees or the mayor of the city, as the case may be.*

8. *Such officers shall hold their first meeting at two o'clock p. m. on the first Saturday following the town, village or city election at the office of the clerk of the town having the largest*

population, or if a village or city shall be interested at the office of the village or city clerk for the purpose of recanvassing the votes cast in each municipality for the election of high school officers and certifying the result to the proper clerk. Said clerk shall certify the name of the officer or officers elected in said district to the clerk of each town, village or city, in the joint free high school district. The officers so elected shall have the same authority, be charged with the same duties, and be under the same liabilities as other officers of free high school districts.

(Ch. 438, 1907.)

Membership of school boards: proposed increase; notice, period and petitioners. SECTION 493b. The number of members of any school board shall not be increased as provided in section 1,* unless a notice in writing of the proposition for such increase, signed by at least twenty-five electors of the school district, shall be filed with the clerk of said district, at least ten days prior to the annual meeting; and the clerk shall include in the notice of such meeting the substance of such proposition.

(Ch. 198, 1907. Numbered "493b" by Sec. 11, Ch. 676, 1907.)

State aid to high schools: conditioned on eight months' maintenance. SECTION 496. 1. Any free high school district which shall have established a free high school according to the provisions of these statutes, and shall have maintained the same for not less than * * * *eight* months in any school year, shall be entitled to receive from the general fund of the state annually one-half of the amount actually expended for instruction in its high school during such year over and above the amount required by law to be expended for common school purposes, but not to exceed in one year five hundred dollars to one district; provided, this limitation shall not apply to * * * *town free high schools.*

Application before August; grant and expenditure; state superintendent's power. 2. To obtain such aid the high school board, or in cities not under a county superintendent, the president and secretary of the board of education and the treasurer, shall on or before the first day of * * * *August*, report in duplicate to the state superintendent, under their oaths, the amount actually expended for instruction during the

*The section referred to is section 1, Ch. 421, L. 1905.