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CHAPTER 487.

AN ACT to amend section 1870 of the statutes, relating to plank and turnpike road corporations.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1870 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 1870. The debts and liabilities of any corporation formed under this chapter, *exclusive of outstanding bonds and debentures*, shall not exceed in amount at any one time fifty per cent. of the amount of its capital stock actually paid in; and if such debts and liabilities, *exclusive of outstanding bonds and debentures*, shall at any time exceed such amount, the stockholders who were such at the time any excess of debts or liabilities shall have been created or incurred, shall be jointly and severally and individually liable for such excess.

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

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CHAPTER 488.

AN ACT to amend section 477 of the statutes, relating to designating and obtaining schoolhouse sites.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 477 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 477. Whenever a school district shall have designated, by a majority vote of the electors thereof present at an annual meeting, or at a special meeting called for that purpose, a schoolhouse site, or an addition thereto, and shall be unable to obtain the same on account of the refusal of the owner to sell or lease the same for a just and reasonable compensation, or on account of his being a non-resident, or unknown, the district board, when directed so to do by a *majority* vote of the electors * * * at such district meeting shall make application to the town board or boards of supervisors of * * * the town or towns interested, to locate and establish the site or any addition thereto so designated: provided that every such schoolhouse site or any schoolhouse site obtained by purchase or grant shall be located and established abutting on a public highway or street, and that no schoolhouse shall hereafter * * * be erected on any site unless at the time of erection such site shall * * * abut on a public highway or street.

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

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CHAPTER 489.

AN ACT to amend section 697—7 of the statutes, relating to guardianship and adoption of dependent children.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 697—7 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 697—7. 1. The said board of trustees * * * may receive into its charge and under its control by commitment, or otherwise, and become the legal guardian of any child under sixteen years of age residing in the county for which such home for dependent children has been organized, who shall be grossly ill-treated by any person having or exercising control over it, or who shall have been abandoned, or be without a home, or be surrounded by bad or immoral influences, or be dependent, or whose parent, or person standing in his place, by an instrument in writing, shall assign and commit such child to the care and custody of such home for dependent children; and all courts, judges, justices of the peace, superintendents of the poor, supervisors, and other officers authorized by law to commit dependent children to industrial schools, asylums, to state public schools, or other institutions for the care of dependent or neglected children, may commit any such child or children to such home for dependent children.

2. Such home for dependent children may procure suitable and proper homes for and give away by adoption or place in families in this state upon written contracts any and all such children during their minority and is hereby constituted the legal guardian of all children committed to or received by it as aforesaid, and may consent in the courts of this state to the adoption of any such child by any person or persons in the manner provided by law; and such consent given in writing shall have the same force and effect as if given by the parent or parents of such child. Such written consent shall be given in duplicate, and one copy shall be filed with the secretary of said trustees, and the other delivered to the county court in which the proceedings for adoption are taken to be there filed. On the consummation of such proceedings, the custody of said trustees over the child adopted shall cease, except as hereinafter provided. It shall be the duty