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CHAPTER 197.

AN ACT to amend section 1447 of the statutes, relating to cemetery associations.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1447 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 1447. Any cemetery association * * * or association of churches or religious corporations duly licensed to hold lands for cemetery purposes may take by gift, bequest, devise or purchase, * * * or hold not exceeding forty acres of land, to be held and occupied exclusively for the burial of the dead, and personal property not exceeding ten thousand dollars in value, which shall be applied to promote the objects of the association; but when the cemetery grounds of any such association are situated near to and without the limits of a city of more than ten thousand and less than one hundred thousand inhabitants such association may so take, hold and use not exceeding sixty acres of land; but when near to and without or within the limits of a city of one hundred thousand inhabitants or more such association may so take, hold and use not exceeding * * * two hundred and forty acres of land. Such land or such portion thereof as may from time to time be required for burial purposes shall be surveyed and divided into lots of such size and with such avenues, alleys and walks as the trustees may deem proper; and maps of said surveys shall be filed and recorded in the office of the register of deeds before any lots designated thereon can be sold and conveyed by the trustees of such association as provided in the next section, and for a failure so to do each trustee shall forfeit twenty-five dollars. Every such association and every city, village or town owning and using lands for cemetery purposes shall take, hold and use such gifts, bequests or devises of personal or real property or the income and proceeds thereof as may be made in trust or otherwise for the improvement, maintenance, repair, preservation or ornamentation of any lot, vault, tomb, chapel or other structure in such cemetery, according to the terms of the gift, bequest or devise, and in accordance with such reasonable rules and regulations as may be made by the officers charged with the duty of caring for the cemetery. If money is given or bequeathed for any such purpose and without direction as to the manner of its investment, the income of which is directed to be used for any such purposes, it shall be invested by the proper officers in bonds of the United States, of this state or of

some county, city, village, town or school district in this state, or on bond or note secured by mortgage on property in amount not exceeding one-half the value of such property. The supervisors of any town, the president and trustees of any village and the mayor and common council of any city which owns lands used for cemetery purposes, and for the benefit of which cemetery any such gift, bequest or devise may be made, may appoint a commissioner of the trust fund or funds so created and may require him to give a bond to the town, village or city, as the case may be, with such sureties as the authority requiring the bond may designate and approve, which bond may be increased in amount from time to time and shall be conditioned for the faithful discharge of the trust reposed in such commissioner, and the proper investment of and accounting for the fund or funds which may come to his hands, the increase thereof and their payment to his successor in office. Such commissioner shall hold his office until his successor is appointed and qualified. It shall be the duty of such commissioner, the treasurer or other financial officer of any town, city, or village cemetery or of any cemetery association to which any gift, bequest, or devise has been made for any purpose within this section on the first secular day of January in each year to make a written report to the judge of the county court of the county in which the cemetery thereof is situated showing, in detail, the amount of funds and the value of property which has been received for such purposes and the disposition made thereof. The trustees of every *such* * * * association which receives money or property for any of the purposes herein specified shall execute a bond, with two or more sufficient sureties, to be approved by the county judge of the county in which the cemetery thereof is located, in a sum not less than double the gross value of the gifts, bequests and devises made thereto, conditioned for the proper application of all moneys and property received thereby for such purposes; said bond shall be filed in the office of the county clerk of said county and shall be renewed from time to time as said judge may order. If such trustees refuse to execute such bond or any officer herein mentioned shall refuse to perform any duty required of him by this section the county judge of the county in which the cemetery is located may appoint some person to take charge of and manage the property and moneys bequeathed, given or devised for any such purpose, and upon such appointment being made the officers of the town, city or village cemetery or of any such cemetery association shall immediately deliver to the person so appointed all the property and money which shall have come to them and which may remain unex-

pend in the execution of the trust and all the evidences of title and securities which they have received. If they fail so to do or if any default is made under any bond required by this section the district attorney of the proper county shall, when so directed by the county judge, bring suit to recover the amount of any such default. The said judge shall examine all accounts rendered and audit the same, and also examine into the investments made and securities taken hereunder. Property given, bequeathed or devised and trusts created for any of the purposes herein authorized shall be exempt from taxation and from the operation of the laws against perpetuities, accumulations and mortmain. Every such * * * association may erect upon the land's own by it a suitable building in which to hold burial services.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 198.

AN ACT to create section 515m of the statutes, relating to the power of high school board to engage a principal for a term of not more than three years.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes a new section to read: Section 515m. The school board of any school district maintaining a free high school or a union free high school and not containing a city in which a city superintendent is employed may contract with a qualified teacher who shall have had at least one year's experience as a principal of a high school to act as principal of such high school for a term of not more than three years.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved June 10, 1915.