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CHAPTER 417.

AN ACT to amend section 417 of the statutes relating to the name of school districts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 417 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 417. The word district as used in this chapter, unless otherwise defined, means school district, and a district lawfully organized is a body corporate and possesses the usual powers of a public corporation by the name and style of school district (joint) school district number, of the town (towns) of, name of the town (towns) in which the district is situated. Such number shall be designated by the town board or boards in the order * * * of the formation thereof. The board shall make its contracts in its corporate name. *Provided, however, that when the territory embraced in any district or districts shall have been heretofore or shall hereafter be organized into a village or city, such district shall be known by the same name as theretofore but with the name of such village or city substituted in lieu of the name of such town, and the use heretofore of the name of such village or city in lieu of the name of such town in the designation of such a school district is hereby legalized and confirmed.*

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CHAPTER 418.

AN ACT to amend section 1321a of the statutes, relating to bridges across navigable and meandered streams.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1321a of the statutes is amended to read: Section 1321a. 1. * * * Any city, * * * village or town * * * bordering upon or through which any navigable or meandered stream runs. * * * is authorized and empowered *either alone or jointly* to build, purchase or main-

tain or to aid in building, purchasing or maintaining a *free* bridge across such stream, *in the manner hereinafter provided.*
* * * Any such city, village or town * * * may, by gift, purchase or condemnation proceedings as provided in sections 895 to 904, inclusive, of the statutes, acquire land for the purpose of building approaches to such bridge.

2. * * * *Whenever any such municipality or municipalities, by their respective boards or councils, shall file a petition with the state highway commission setting forth that said municipality or municipalities desire either alone or jointly to construct such bridge, designating the parts of the municipality or the municipalities to be connected by said bridge, and setting forth that said bridge will be necessarily more than five hundred feet in length not including approaches, and that said bridge is necessary, the state highway commission shall within sixty days from the date of filing said petition fix a time and place for a public hearing on said petition at some convenient point within the limits of the said municipality or one of the municipalities and give ten days' notice of said hearing by publication in at least one newspaper published in the municipality or one of the municipalities concerned, or in a newspaper most likely to give notice of such hearing.*

3. * * *

If the said commission, after such hearing shall find that such bridge is necessary, it shall then locate the same and if the same as located will be necessarily more than five hundred feet in length, not including approaches, the said commission shall determine the character and kind of bridge adapted to the location and estimate the cost thereof, and shall file with the clerk or clerks of the municipality or municipalities petitioning for such bridge its determination including a description of the location of such bridge, the character thereof and the estimated cost of constructing the same.

4. * * * *Within ten days from the filing of said findings of said commission the said clerk or clerks shall call a special election for the purpose of submitting to the electors thereof the question of bonding the municipality to the amount of the proportion, as hereinafter provided, of the estimated cost of said bridge to be borne by said municipality.*

Notice of the time and place of said election shall be given as provided in section 943 of the statutes, and the election conducted and canvassed as therein provided. If such election shall be favorable to the issue of said bonds, it shall be construed to be also in favor of building such bridge, and the municipal board or council shall determine the time and manner

of payment thereof, and the interest the same shall bear, not to exceed six per cent, provided that no such bonds shall be issued payable after a period of twenty years, and shall not exceed in amount five per cent of the assessed valuation of said municipality as determined by the last equalization of the county board, and the boards or council of said municipalities shall levy a tax in addition to all other taxes to be annually raised, sufficient to pay when due the interest and principal of said bonds as the same shall become due.

5. * * * Whenever any municipality or municipalities has or have heretofore filed its or their petition with the state highway commission under section 1321a of the statutes and has heretofore voted to raise an amount that would equal its proportion of the cost of the proposed bridge, and the state highway commission has investigated the location of said bridge, then said state highway commission shall proceed to locate and construct said bridge the same as though all the provisions of subsection 2, 3 and 4 of this section have been fully complied with.

6. * * * Whenever such municipality or municipalities shall have previously voted the issue of its bonds for the purpose of constructing any such bridge either alone or in conjunction with another municipality, the said municipality or municipalities, the county or counties in which they are located, and the state shall pay for the construction of such bridge as follows: provided, however, that not more than six such bridges shall be constructed under this section in any one year:

(a) Where such bridge is located wholly within one municipality or is constructed by a municipality alone, such municipality shall pay one-third the cost thereof. Any municipality situated within five miles of such bridge may contribute towards the cost and maintenance thereof a sum not to exceed one-sixth thereof. Such sum may be accepted by the municipality or municipalities building such bridge and may be used to apply towards it or their share of the cost of the bridge.

(b) When such bridge is located between two municipalities and is constructed by them jointly, then said municipalities shall pay together one-third thereof to be borne by each in proportion to the equalized valuation of each as fixed by the last county board, and if said municipalities are in different counties, each shall then pay one-sixth thereof.

(c) The county shall in all other cases pay one-third of the cost, except when such bridge is located on or across the line between two counties and in that case each county shall pay one-sixth of such cost.

(d) *The state shall in all cases pay one-third of the cost of constructing such bridge.*

7. * * * *The said highway commission shall consider all petitions under this section in the order of their receipt and allot each bridge certified as a necessity its full share of said aid. If the amount appropriated for any year shall not be sufficient to pay the state share of all bridges certified under this section in full, the appropriation for the ensuing year may be drawn upon to supply such sums as are necessary.*

8. * * * *When the commission shall have filed with the municipality or municipalities, findings favorable to the construction of said bridge, and the said municipality or municipalities shall have provided for the payment of its or their proportion of the cost thereof, and have so certified to said commission, said commission shall then certify the amount to be paid by the state to the state treasurer and the amount to be paid by the county or counties to the county clerk or clerks thereof. Upon receipt of the certification of the amount necessary to be raised by the county as its share of such bridge, the county clerk thereof shall present the same to the county board at its next annual or special meeting, and said county board shall thereupon appropriate the amount to be paid by the county. The amount to be raised by the county may be raised by appropriation, tax or by bonds, but nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring a general election within the county. The share of any such municipality shall be paid at the time required by the state highway commission to the county treasurer of the county in which such municipality is located, and the amount to be paid by the state shall be paid upon the order of the state highway commission to the county treasurer of such county, and where two counties are contributing to the cost of constructing such bridge, one-half of the state share shall be paid to the respective treasurers of each of said counties and the total amount thus paid shall be expended upon the order of the state highway commission for the construction of said bridge.*

9. * * * *The construction of such bridge shall be under the supervision and control of the state highway commission, which shall make and execute all contracts for such construction and all moneys paid therefor shall be paid upon the order of said commission.*

10. *After such bridge shall have been constructed it shall be under the control and management of the board or boards or council of the respective municipality or municipalities which have voted to construct said bridge, and any matter relating to*

the control and management thereof upon which the said boards and council cannot agree, shall be determined by the state highway commission.

11. The maintenance of such bridge shall be borne by the municipality or municipalities constructing the same in proportion to the assessed valuation of each as fixed by the county board.

12. When any municipality or municipalities have constructed a bridge under this section, the property in such municipality shall thereafter be subject to taxation by the county for the construction and repair of bridges within such county under section 1319 of the statutes.

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CHAPTER 419.

AN ACT to appropriate to the superintendent of public property a sum of money therein named to purchase state flags to be carried by Wisconsin infantry and artillery volunteers at the Grand Review.

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

SECTION 1. There is appropriated to the superintendent of public property, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for the purpose of purchasing twenty-two state flags to be carried at the Grand Review to be held during the summer of 1915, one for each of the following regiments of infantry volunteers and batteries of artillery volunteers: The second, third, fifth, sixth, seventh, twelfth, sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, twenty-first, twenty-second, twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth, thirty-first, thirty-second, thirty-sixth, thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth regiments of infantry Wisconsin volunteers; the fifth and twelfth Wisconsin volunteer batteries of light artillery, and the first heavy artillery of Wisconsin volunteers.

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