

or other property, as the nature of the employment, place of employment, or public building, will reasonably permit.

(13). The term "owner" shall mean and include every person, firm, corporation, state, county, town, city, village, manager, representative, officer, or other person having ownership, control or custody of any place of employment or public building, or of the construction, repair or maintenance of any *place of employment* or public building, or who prepares plans for the construction of any place of employment or public building. Said sections 2394—41 to 2394—71, inclusive, shall apply, so far as consistent, to all architects and builders.

SECTION 2. There is added to section 2394—52 of the statutes a new subdivision to read: (Section 2394—52) (13). To require the submission of proper plans and specifications for places of employment and public buildings, also for elevators, toilets, and other permanent equipment of such buildings. Where such plans and specifications are required by the commission, no local officer shall issue any permit or license for the construction or use of such building, until the plans and specifications therefor as to safety and sanitation shall have been approved by the commission. But this requirement shall not apply in cities where plans are examined and building permits issued by a city building inspector in a manner approved by the commission.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 134

AN ACT to amend subdivision 2 of section 2441 of the statutes, relating to filling county court vacancies.

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

SECTION 1. Subdivision 2 of section 2441 of the statutes, is amended to read: Section 2441. 2. When a vacancy shall occur in the office of county judge or there shall be no person qualified to take the office at the commencement of a term, the governor shall appoint such judge, and the person so appointed shall hold until the first Monday of June next succeeding an election to fill such vacancy; but when no election to fill such vacancy is held then such appointment shall be for the residue of the term; and where any county judge shall be elected in a newly organized county the judge first elected shall hold his office until the

first Monday of January following the first general election for county judges thereafter. No person shall be eligible to the office of county judge who shall not, at the time of his election or appointment thereto, be an attorney of a court of record; provided, that the foregoing provision as to the qualifications shall not apply to any county having a population of less than * * * *fifteen* thousand inhabitants according to the last official census preceding such election and further that it shall not disqualify any person who held such office in this state on or before the first day of * * * *January, 1917.*

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

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CHAPTER 135

AN ACT to repeal section 425 and to create a new section to be numbered section 425 of the statutes, relating to annual and special school district meetings.

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

SECTION 1. Section 425 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 2. A new section is added to the statutes to be numbered and to read: Section 425. 1. The annual district meeting in all school districts shall be held on the first Monday of July, unless that be a legal holiday, in which case it shall be held on the next day, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, unless contrary to some special provision in a district organized under a special act, but a different hour may be fixed by the annual district meeting for the next succeeding annual district meeting.

2. Any special district meeting shall be held on the day and hour fixed therefor in the notice. It shall be the duty of the district board to meet on the Saturday immediately preceding the annual meeting to carefully examine the accounts of the treasurer and make a full and itemized report of all receipts and expenditures since the last annual meeting and of the amount in the hands of the district treasurer; the amount of the deficit or bills payable, if any, for which the district is liable; of the amount necessary to be raised by tax upon the district for the support of the school for the ensuing year, and of the amount required to pay the interest or principal of any debt (indebtedness to the state trust funds excepted) due or to become due during the year. This report shall be presented at the annual meeting in writing and shall be read to the electors by the chairman of