

for such books as have been sold up to the stated time. Said dealer or dealers shall not sell textbooks at prices which shall exceed a ten per cent advance on the net prices as listed with the state superintendent of public instruction. Any dealer violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars and not more than one hundred dollars.

Section 553m—112. It shall be unlawful for any retail dealer in textbooks to sell any books listed with the state superintendent of public instruction as provided by law at a price to exceed fifteen per cent advance on the net prices as so listed, transportation added thereto. Any dealer violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars and not more than one hundred dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall not operate to prevent any school district from furnishing free textbooks to the pupils attending the schools in such district provided such textbooks shall be purchased by said school boards in accordance with the provisions of this act.

SECTION 3. All acts, or parts of acts, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, or in conflict therewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 500

AN ACT to amend subsections 1 and 2 of section 1317m—12, to repeal subsections 3 and 4 of section 1317m—12, to create subsections 3 and 4 of section 1317m—12, to amend subsections 1 and 2 of section 1317m—12a, and to create subsection 6 of section 1317m—13, of the statutes, relating to county and town bonds for state aid highway improvements.

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

SECTION 1. Subsections 1 and 2 of section 1317m—12, of the statutes, are amended to read: (Section 1317m—12) 1. Any county, if its board shall so determine, may raise money for  
 • • • *the improvement of any portions of the system of prospective state highways or of the state trunk highway sys-*

tem by issuing nontaxable semiannual interest payment coupon bonds bearing interest at a rate not exceeding five per cent per annum running not more than \* \* \* *twenty* years, and not exceeding, with all other county indebtedness, the constitutional limit, the money to be expended, *on certain specified improvements* \* \* \* in proportions determined by a resolution adopted by the county board before it shall determine to issue such bonds. Such bonds are not to be sold at less than par. Bonds are to be in the form approved by the state highway commission, \* \* \* and the blank bonds ready for signing shall be \* \* \* printed under the direction of said commission and shall be furnished to the county at cost and paid for out of the county road and bridge fund.

2. Bonds issued under this section shall be divided as to denominations and due dates as determined by the county board, and the resolution authorizing the issuance shall specify the amount of the issue, the denomination thereof, the time and place of payment of principal and interest and the manner in which the same shall be negotiated, and shall also provide for a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the interest as it falls due and the principal within the time fixed therefor. The bonds shall be signed by the chairman of the county board and the county clerk in their official capacities and be sealed with the county seal. Provided, however, the issuance of such bonds may be conditioned upon the money for the interest thereon being privately contributed and deposited in the county treasury before the bonds are negotiated, in which case, the levy of taxes therefor may be suspended until necessary therefor. Such deposit shall be deemed sufficient if in an amount actually invested to the satisfaction of the county treasurer and the securities deposited in the county treasury to seasonably produce the money to pay such interest, and this shall apply to bonds heretofore issued, or voted to be issued on substantially such plan. *Nothing in this section shall require that all such bonds shall bear the same date of issuance or that the whole or any part of any bond issue authorized under the provisions of this section must be sold at any specific time. Bonds may be sold from time to time as ordered by resolutions of the county boards, and as the necessity for providing funds for construction arises.*

SECTION 2. Subsections 3 and 4 of section 1317m—12, of the statutes, are repealed.

SECTION 3. Two new subsections are added to section 1317m—12, of the statutes, to read: (Section 1317m—12) 3. The pro-

ceeds of county bonds heretofore or hereafter issued under the provisions of this section shall be used only for road and bridge construction performed under the provisions of sections 1317m—1 to 1317m—15, inclusive, or sections 1312 to 1317, inclusive, of the statutes, and the county shall be entitled to receive state aid or federal and state aid for the improvements performed with the proceeds of such bond issue in the proportions respectively specified in said sections. The county board may set aside from any funds received from the federal government or from the state, or both, for use in state aid or federal and state aid highway construction in said county, the amount required to pay the state or state and federal portions of the cost of any construction performed with the proceeds of said bond issue, until the amounts so set aside equal the share of cost provided to be paid by the state or by the federal government and the state. Any amounts so received and set aside in any year may be used by the county board to reduce the county levy necessary to be made in accordance with the bonding resolution in order to retire any portion of the bond issue which may be retired thereafter, such reduction to equal the amount so received from the state or from the state and federal government, and such action by any county board shall in no way invalidate the bond issue.

4. Construction with the proceeds of any bond issue shall be prosecuted in such order as shall be determined upon from time to time by the county board and as approved by the state highway commission. When any construction shall be determined upon by the county board, the board may provide that a portion, not to exceed forty per centum of the county's share of the cost of such construction, shall be assessed as a special benefit against any town, village or city in which such construction may lie, and the amounts of said special benefit may be levied by the county board as a special charge against such town, village or city and the county clerk shall certify such sum to the town, village or city clerk, who shall put the same in the next tax levy and the same shall be collected and paid into the county treasury by the officials of the town, village or city just as all other county taxes are levied, collected and paid in. If the amount of such special charge shall produce a tax upon any unit of government in excess of one-half mill upon its local equalized valuation, the county board shall make such arrangements for annually levying such special charges as will reduce the local tax to one-half mill or less in any one year. Any

amounts paid into the county treasury in any year by any unit of government in accordance with the provisions of this subsection shall be used in retiring a portion of the county bond issue. The county boards, after receipt of such local funds, shall reduce the county levy necessary to be made in accordance with the bonding resolution by an amount equal to the total amount so received from all units of government, and such action by the county board shall in no way invalidate the bond issue.

SECTION 4. Subsections 1 and 2 of section 1317m—12a, of the statutes, are amended to read: (Section 1317m—12a) 1. (a) No bonds shall be issued *by any county board* under the provisions of section 1317m—12 in excess of \* \* \* *two-fifths* of one per centum of the total assessed valuation of the county, until the proposition for their issue shall have been submitted to the people of the county and adopted by a majority of the electors voting thereon. *The total amount of bonds outstanding at any one time, issued by sole action of the county board of any county under the provisions of section 1317m—12, shall in no case exceed one per centum of the total assessed valuation of the county.*

(b) *The county board may by resolution provide that there be submitted to the electors of the county at any regular or legally called special election the question as to whether or not bonds shall be issued under the provisions of section 1317m—12 in excess of the limits specified in this subsection, in which case said board shall enact a bonding resolution in general accordance with the provisions of subsection 1 of section 1317m—12, which resolution shall become fully effective upon approval of the bond issue by a majority of the electors voting thereon.*

2. Whenever a number of qualified electors of any county equal to or more than ten per cent of the number of votes cast therein for governor at the last general election shall present to the clerk thereof, a petition in writing, signed by them, praying that the electors thereof may have submitted to them the question whether or not bonds shall be issued under the provisions of section 1317m—12, and shall file such petition with such clerk at least thirty days prior to the first Tuesday of April or *thirty days prior to the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday of November in the even-numbered years, next succeeding, the county clerk shall forthwith make an order providing that such question shall be submitted on the first Tuesday of April or on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday of November in the even-numbered years, as the case may be, next succeeding the date of such order.*

SECTION 5. A new subsection is added to section 1317m—13, of the statutes, to read: (Section 1317m—13) 6. On and after July 1, 1917, if the electors of any town shall vote to issue bonds under the provisions of this section, the proceeds of such bond issue shall not be available to obtain state aid, and the county board of any county shall not allot any portion of the state highway aid hereafter allotted to the county to any town on account of such bond issue. The county board may determine to issue county bonds in an amount equal to the amount of the bond issue by the town, in general accordance with the provisions of section 1317m—12, and unless a county board shall so determine any action of a town in voting bonds under the provisions of this section shall be null and void, and the town board shall not issue or cause to be sold any bonds authorized by the electors of the town.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 501

AN ACT to repeal subsection 4 of section 1946i and subsections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of section 1946l, to amend subsection 4 of section 1926, the first paragraph of subsection (4) of section 20.55, and subsection 6 of section 1978d, and to create subsection (9) of section 20.57, subdivisions (5a) and (5b) of section 2394—52 and section 2394—71 of the statutes, relating to the transfer of fire prevention functions from the department of the commissioner of insurance to the industrial commission, and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection 4 of section 1946i and subsections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of section 1946l are repealed.

SECTION 2. Subsection 4 of section 1926, the first paragraph of subsection (4) of section 20.55, and subsection 6 of section 1978d of the statutes are amended to read: (Section 1926) 4. No city, village or town shall be paid any fire department dues for any year unless the \* \* \* *industrial commission* shall have certified to the commissioner of insurance that the requirements of section 1946i have been complied with as to such city, village or town, and any fire department dues paid into the state treasury for any city, village or town not entitled to receive the