

of the state superintendent affecting the district or districts and report their approval or disapproval thereof in writing to the state superintendent within 15 days of the order. Upon filing of the report the committee shall be discharged from its duties. Each member of the committee shall be paid a per diem at the rate and in the manner in which members of the county board of such county are paid.

(b) The state superintendent may upon his own motion rescind or revoke any such order of annexation or consolidation, if it shall satisfactorily appear, that such order of annexation has created hardship because of the difficulties of geographical conditions, problems of transportation or other considerations, or where any such order of annexation has not resulted in financial saving to the taxpayers of such school district or increased educational opportunities and benefits to the students therein.

Deposited without approval of Governor.

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CHAPTER 494.

AN ACT to renumber 148.01 (3) to be 148.01 (3) (a); to amend 148.01 (3) (a), as renumbered; and to create 148.01 (3) (b) (c) and (d) of the statutes, relating to sickness care by the state medical society.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 148.01 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 148.01 (3) (a) and amended to read:

148.01 (3) (a) The state society, or a county society in manner approved by the state society, * * * shall have the power to establish in the state or in any county or counties therein, a non-profit plan or plans for the sickness care of indigents and low income groups, and others, through contracts with public officials, and with physicians and others, and by the use of contributions, cooperative funds, and other means, provided only that free choice of physicians within such contracts shall be retained and that responsibility of physicians to patient and all other contract and tort relationships with patient shall remain as though the dealings were direct between physician and

patient. *Any person covered by or insured under such plan shall be free to choose for sickness care any medical or osteopathic physician licensed to practice in Wisconsin who has agreed to abide by such plan according to its terms and no such physician or osteopath shall be required to participate exclusively in any such plan.*

SECTION 2. 148.01 (3) (b), (c) and (d) of the statutes are created to read:

148.01 (3) (b) Such plan shall be exempt from the state insurance laws except those provisions relating to nondiscriminatory rates contained in section 201.53, investments contained in section 201.25 and premium reserves contained in section 201.18 (1).

(c) The society shall file with the commissioner of insurance a written declaration defining the organization and structure of the proposed sickness care plan and its area of operations and shall file any amendments or changes thereto. There shall also be filed with the commissioner specimen copies of all contracts with the insured and with the participating physicians and surgeons and the form of such contracts must be approved by the commissioner.

(d) The provisions of section 148.01 (3) (c) shall not apply to any plan nor to any revisions thereof in existence on the effective date of this paragraph, nor to any contracts for the care of the indigent, nor shall any provision of chapter 148 be construed to apply to any corporation, association, or organization not a body corporate under said chapter.

Approved July 19, 1945.

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CHAPTER 495.

AN ACT to amend 74.62 of the statutes, relating to the payment of taxes by grantors and grantees.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

74.62 of the statutes is amended to read:

74.62 TAXES: PAYMENT BY GRANTOR AND GRANTEE. As between grantor and grantee of any land, when there is no express