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CHAPTER 177

AN ACT to create 40.98 of the statutes, relating to the establishment and operation of school conservation camps.

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

40.98 of the statutes is created to read:

40.98 SCHOOL CONSERVATION CAMPS. (1) PURPOSE; CREATION. In order to promote an understanding of geology, geography, conservation, nature study and other aspects of general knowledge which are learned best by actual contact with nature itself, any school district may establish, operate and maintain and levy taxes to support individually or in cooperation with other school districts or municipalities, a school conservation camp. Such camp need not be within the school district.

(2) ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT. The board of any such school district may operate, contribute to the operation of, participate in the joint operation of, pay or charge fees for the operation of such school conservation camp. Such board or boards may admit nonresident students as well as resident students of their districts. The board or boards shall determine age and other entrance requirements, and the program to be offered. Such camp may be operated in summer or at any other time that the board or boards may determine.

(3) FACILITIES. The board or boards may acquire, rent or accept the gratis use of facilities and equipment to operate such camp. It may accept private contributions of any kind.

(4) **PROPERTY OF OTHER AGENCIES.** The board may conduct the camp on property under the custody of other municipal, state or federal agencies when permission is granted or on private property with consent of the owner.

(5) **CO-OPERATION.** The several departments of state government such as conservation, agriculture, public instruction, and the university shall co-operate in making their staff and facilities available to further the objectives of this program.

Approved June 7, 1955.
