

## CHAPTER 156.

[Published March 25, 1878.]

AN ACT in relation to the education of children of the county poor.

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

Shall be deemed residents.

SECTION 1. Whenever any person of lawful school age shall be maintained at the public charge, such person shall be deemed for school purposes, residents of any school district in which they may habitually live.

What amount to be reckoned and allowed.

SECTION 2. In case the person be so maintained by the county, the county board of supervisors shall, for each year, allow to any district in which such person may attend school, an amount for each person so attending, which shall be equal to the amount expended in that year for each pupil in such district for school purposes, which amount shall be reckoned by the district officers, without reference to the number of pauper children attending the school, and in case such person be maintained by any town, such town board of supervisors shall allow to any district in which they attend school, an amount which shall be reckoned in the same manner as herein provided in cases where the pupils are maintained by the county.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 13, 1878.

## CHAPTER 157.

[Published March 26, 1878.]

AN ACT to create a board of commissioners of bridges in the county of St. Croix, and to provide that certain bridges therein shall be county bridges.

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

Board of commissioners—how constituted

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a board of commissioners of bridges in the county of St. Croix which shall consist of three members. That the chair-

man of the board of supervisors of said county shall, by virtue of his said office, be one of said commissioners and the chairman thereof, and that the other two commissioners of said board shall be elected by the electors of the county at the regular annual election in November of each year. The pay of said commissioners of bridges shall be such a per diem as the county board of supervisors of said county may determine, but shall not, for per diem, traveling expenses and all things connected with their duties as such commissioners, exceed the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to any one commissioner in one year.

Their pay.

SECTION 2. That after the passage of this act, and until the next annual November election in said county, the sheriff of said county and the county treasurer shall, together with the chairman of the board of supervisors thereof, constitute such board of commissioners of bridges.

Who to compose first board.

SECTION 3. All of the bridges in said county now built, or which it may become necessary hereafter to build across streams which shall require a span of twenty feet or more, are hereby declared to be county bridges and shall be constructed, erected, repaired and maintained at the expense of said county.

All bridges declared to be county bridges.

SECTION 4. The said board of commissioners shall have charge and control [of] all the county bridges in said county, and it shall be their duty to see that all such bridges as are by this act made county bridges are erected and maintained at such places, and at such times as shall be for the best interest of the public: *provided*, the said board of commissioners of bridges may, upon the application of the town board of supervisors of any town in said county, authorize the said town board to make necessary repairs of any county bridge or bridges in their town, where the public good requires that they be immediately repaired: *provided*, the repairs upon any one bridge in any one year, made as above provided by the town board, shall not exceed the sum of fifteen dollars, which can be chargeable to the county, and the amounts expended by towns in repairs made in this manner shall be first audited by the said board of commissioners of bridges, and then by the county board of supervisors, and paid by the county.

Shall have charge of all bridges.

May authorize town supervisors to make repairs.

Limit of amount of repairs.

SECTION 5. Whenever the town board of supervisors of any town in said county shall determine that there are bridges in their towns needing repairs, or that new bridges need be erected that would by this act be county bridges, they shall notify the chairman of the

Supervisors shall notify commissioners of repairs needed.

Commissioners to determine whether they are county bridges, and need repairs.

board of commissioners of bridges of said county, in writing thereof, designating the bridges needing repairs, or the site where new bridge or bridges should, in their judgment, be erected, together with an estimate of the cost of such repairs, or the cost of the construction of such new bridge or bridges; and that upon the receipt of such notice, the chairman of the board of commissioners of bridges shall, within ten days thereafter, convene said board and lay the matter before them, whereupon they shall personally make a careful inspection of the bridge or bridges claimed by said town board to need repairs, or carefully inspect the site where it is claimed by said town board that a new bridge or bridges should be erected. Thereupon the said commissioners shall first determine whether said bridge or bridges already erected and needing repairs are such bridges as are by this act made county bridges, and whether the bridge or bridges which the said town board desire to have erected are such as should, by this act, be erected by the county, and if said commissioners shall determine that said bridge or bridges needing repairs, or to be erected, are such as by this act are made county bridges, they shall next determine whether the bridges already erected need repairs, and whether it is necessary that new bridges should be erected: *provided*, that in cases where bridges shall be taken away by freshets or ice, they shall be considered and acted upon in the same manner as if they were bridges already erected and needing repairs.

When new bridges are needed, how proceed.

SECTION 6. In case the said commissioners, as provided in the last section, shall determine that bridges already erected are such as by this act are made county bridges, and need to be repaired, they shall cause the same to be repaired, and in case said commissioners shall decide, upon the application of any town board, that it is necessary to build a bridge at any site by them designated, and that the bridges needed are such as by this act should be erected at the expense of the county, they shall make a report thereupon to the county board of supervisors, in writing, at their next annual [or] special meeting, setting forth the reasons which require the construction of such bridge or bridges, together with an estimate of the cost of the same; said county board shall thereupon act upon the same, and if the report of the commissioners be adopted by the county board of supervisors, the commissioners shall at once give public notice for at least two weeks, in some newspaper published in the county, that bids will be received at a certain time and place, for the erection

Shall advertise for bids, and award contracts

and construction of said bridge or bridges, according to specifications to be furnished by said board, and that the job of erecting and constructing the same will be let to the lowest bidder; that upon receiving the bids therefor, the commissioners shall award the contract for the building of said bridge to the lowest responsible bidder, who will give satisfactory security therefor, to be approved by the commissioners, for the faithful performance of the work; but in case the board of supervisors shall refuse to adopt the report of the said commissioners, no bridge may be erected within one year upon the site designated by the bridge commissioners, at the expense of the county, but at the expiration of the one year, the town board may renew their application to said commissioners.

SECTION 7. The said board of commissioners shall make an annual report to the board of supervisors of said county, at their annual meeting in November, of their doings, with the amount by them expended in erecting, repairing and maintaining county bridges, together with an estimate of the amount necessary to be by them expended during the next ensuing year, and the board of supervisors thereupon shall levy a tax for that amount. <sup>Shall make annual report.</sup>

SECTION 8. The supervisors of said county shall, at their next annual meeting, levy a tax for the amount expended by the commissioners of bridges of said county, under the provisions of this act, up to the time of said next annual meeting. <sup>Shall levy tax.</sup>

SECTION 9. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed so far as said acts shall be of any force or effect as to the county of St. Croix.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of June next.

Approved March 13, 1873.