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**CHAPTER 497.**

AN ACT to repeal section 925—14 of the statutes and to create a new section to be designated section 925—14, relating to change of ward lines and formation of new wards in cities of the first, second, third, or fourth classes.

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

SECTION 1. Section 925—14 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 2. There is created a new section of the statutes to read: Section 925—14. 1. In any city of the first class organized under this chapter, the numbers and boundaries of its wards may be changed by an ordinance introduced at a regular meeting of its common council held in the month of May, published in the official paper of the city, if any, otherwise in a newspaper designated by the ordinance, once in each week for four successive weeks before final action thereon and thereafter adopted by a vote of not less than three-fourths of all the members of said council; and, by a two-thirds vote of all its members recorded immediately after each United States census is taken and the result thereof as to the city's population is made known, the common council may redistrict, readjust, and change the boundaries of the wards, create new wards, and consolidate old ones. No ward shall contain a population of less than eight thousand nor more than twenty thousand.

2. In any city of the second, third, or fourth class organized under this chapter, the common council may cause to be introduced at any regular meeting thereof an ordinance prescribing the numbers and boundaries of the wards of such city. The question of the adoption of such ordinance shall thereupon, by a majority vote of the members of said common council, be submitted to the electors of such city at the next municipal election. Notice of such submission containing a copy of the ordinance shall be published by the city clerk in the manner and for the length of time the notice of the election is required by law to be published: and he shall provide for use by the electors in voting for or against said ordinance printed ballots in substantially the following form:

For adoption of ward ordinance.....

Against adoption of ward ordinance.....

If a majority of the votes cast be in favor of the adoption of the ordinance, the common council shall, at a regular meeting immediately after the election, adopt or reject the ordinance by a majority vote of its members present. No ward shall contain

a population of less than fifteen hundred in cities of the second class, nor less than one thousand in cities of the third, nor less than five hundred in cities of the fourth class.

3. In every city the wards shall be in as compact form and contain as nearly equal population as practicable. Whenever the numbers or boundaries of any wards are altered their original numbers and geographical outlines shall as far as possible be retained, and no further such changes shall be made for a period of two years except by adding thereto territory newly added to the city limits. Each new or altered ward is entitled to, and shall have, the same number of aldermen, supervisors, and ward officers that are allowed by law to any other ward, and all wards shall be equally subject to the provisions of the charter of the city. New offices created and vacancies in office occasioned by the formation of new wards, by the consolidation of old ones, or by alterations of their boundaries shall be filled as follows: Every alderman, ward, or precinct officer and every election and ballot clerk residing at the time of formation or alteration within the territory of the new or altered ward shall become an alderman or other respective officer of such new or altered ward or precinct for the remainder of the term for which he was elected or appointed and until his successor is elected or appointed and qualified. All offices and vacancies not so filled shall be filled by election or appointment as directed by the charter of such city, and the common council shall forthwith order elective offices to be filled at the next general or municipal election, if such an election will be held within thirty days, otherwise at a special election, specifying in the order the term of each officer to be elected.

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## CHAPTER 498.

AN ACT to amend section 515a of the statutes, relating to the authority of school directors or boards of education to employ lecturers on natural science, historical, literary, and other subjects.

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

SECTION 1. Section 515a of the statutes is amended to read: Section 515a. The board of school directors of any school district or the board of education of any city is authorized and empowered to provide for employment of competent persons to deliver lectures on the natural sciences, on historical, literary, or other educational subjects, in the public school buildings, in