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**CHAPTER 315.**

AN ACT to create subdivision (9) of section 495—14 of the statutes, relating to union free high school districts.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to section 495—14 of the statutes a new subdivision to read: (Section 495—14) (9) In cases where a union free high school district consists of two or more entire congressional townships, and the electors of such union free high school district desire to establish another union free high school district, the boundaries of said union free high school district may be changed and another union free high school district set off, provided a majority of the electors, men and women, of the entire territory of said original union free high school district shall, at an election called and held in the manner now provided by the statutes for holding an election for the formation of a union free high school district, vote in favor of said division; the lines of division to correspond with township lines.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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**CHAPTER 316.**

AN ACT to create section 1943m of the statutes, relating to fire insurance adjusters.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes a new section to read: Section 1943m. 1. No person, other than an agent holding a certificate of authority under section 1976, shall make any adjustment of loss or damage by fire unless he shall hold a certificate of authority from the commissioner of insurance under this section or after making the first adjustment within any license year, make application for such certificate of authority as provided in this section.

2. A certificate of authority as a fire insurance adjuster, expiring January 31st, following, may be issued to any person filing an application on a form prescribed and furnished to him and upon the payment of a license fee of one dollar.

3. Such certificate of authority shall be revoked by the commissioner of insurance, if after due investigation and hearing had either before himself or a salaried employee of the insurance department designated by him, whose report he may adopt, he determines that the holder of such certificate has violated any provision of the law relating to insurance. No person whose certificate of authority is so revoked, shall be granted any other such certificate of authority under this section for a period of one year thereafter, nor shall he until again so authorized, act as employee or participate in the profits of any fire insurance adjuster.

4. A person shall not be held to violate this section by making his first adjustment during a license year prior to obtaining such certificate of authority, provided that he shall, within two days after entering upon such adjustment, make application therefor, and shall in all other respects comply with this section.

5. Upon the completion of each adjustment of loss or damage by fire a report thereof upon a form prescribed by the commissioner of insurance shall be made and signed by each adjuster participating therein and by the insured or some one authorized thereto on his behalf and shall be filed with the chief of the fire department as deputy fire marshal or if none, then with the state fire marshal. A duplicate thereof shall be filed with each inspection bureau of which the companies effecting such insurance are members.

6. No loss shall be paid by any company unless the report of the adjustment signed by the adjuster shall show that the report and duplicates required by this section have been filed.

7. The deposit of such report in the mails, properly sealed, addressed and postpaid shall be a sufficient filing.

8. This section shall apply to and include all persons who act in the capacity as specified in subsection 1 for any insurance company or insured and to all persons who act as advisory to or adjusters for the insured for compensation in case of loss or damage by fire, excepting persons acting as attorneys in the ordinary relation of attorney and client.

9. No compensation which shall be based on the excess of recovery over a stipulated sum, or on a percentage upon the amount of recovery in excess of five per cent of the amount of such recovery, plus actual transportation charges and hotel bills, shall be paid or agreed to be paid for the services of any fire insurance adjuster, and any contract for compensation in violation of the within mentioned conditions shall be void.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 1914.

Approved May 27, 1913.