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SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 418.

AN ACT to create subsection (8) of section 62.26 of the statutes, relating to redistricting, readjusting and changing the boundaries of wards in cities.

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

SECTION 1. A new subsection is added to section 62.26 of the statutes to read: (62.26) (8) The common council of any city may not more frequently than once in five years by a two-thirds vote of all its members at any time redistrict, readjust and change the boundaries of wards so that they shall be as nearly equal in population as may be, and to that end such council may create new wards and consolidate old ones. In redistricting such cities the original numbers of the wards in their geographical outlines shall as far as possible be retained, and the wards so created and those the boundaries of which are changed shall be in as compact form as possible.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 419.

AN ACT to create sections 40.605 and 40.606 of the statutes, relating to the dissolution of union free high school districts.

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

SECTION 1. Two new sections are added to the statutes to read :
40.605 Any union free high school district which has no bonded indebtedness and no school building may, in addition to any other method provided by law, be dissolved in the following manner :

(1) A petition in writing signed by at least one-tenth of the electors in any such district shall be filed with the clerk of the school district requesting such dissolution and requesting that an election be called to vote on such question.

(2) Said clerk shall within five days after the receipt of such petition fix the date and give ten days' notice of the time and place of holding such election by posting eight copies thereof in at least eight different public places in such district. The election shall be held in the union free high school building. If it is impossible to hold it in such building it shall be held at some place centrally located as near as may be.

(3) The clerk shall prepare a sufficient number of ballots and on such ballots shall be printed or written the words "For Dissolution" and "Against Dissolution".

(4) The polls at such election shall be open at nine o'clock in the morning and close at seven o'clock in the afternoon, and the officers of such election shall be the clerk of such district and two other persons to be selected by the district board.

(5) The election shall be conducted and the vote counted and canvassed as in case of town meetings.

(6) If the majority of all votes cast at such election shall be for dissolution the result shall be at once certified to the clerk of each town, city or village concerned and to the state superintendent of public instruction and such district shall be dissolved as of July first, following such election.

(7) In case of dissolution there shall be no division of assets but all property of the district so dissolved shall become the property of the town, city or village in which the same is located.

40.606 (1) Any union free high school district which has a bonded indebtedness or which has a school building may be dissolved in the same manner as provided in section 40.605, except that a two-thirds vote shall be necessary for dissolution instead of a majority.

(2) If the vote shall be in favor of dissolution the governing body of each town, city or village in which such district is located and the school board of the district shall meet on or before thirty days after the election and determine the bonded indebtedness

which shall be assumed by each such town, city or village. In such apportionment there shall be assigned to each such town, city or village such proportion of the total bonded indebtedness of the district as the value of the taxable property in the part of the district located therein bears to the value of the taxable property in the entire district, as determined by the last certified assessment.

(3) After such apportionment and after the dissolution of the union free high school district, each such town, city or village shall be liable for the payment of the principal and interest of the portion of the bonded indebtedness of the dissolved district assumed by it, and the town, city or village board shall levy a tax sufficient to meet such principal and interest, upon all property located within the part of such town, city or village which was included in such dissolved district. Such tax shall be collected as are other town, city or village taxes and shall be used exclusively for the payment of the portion of bonded indebtedness of the dissolved union free high school district assumed by such municipality and of interest and sinking fund charges thereon.

(4) There shall be no division of the assets upon the dissolution of any union free high school district to which this section applies but all property of such district shall become the property of the town, city or village in which the same is located.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 420.

AN ACT to appropriate a certain sum therein named to the department of agriculture for the improvements made on certain streets bordering the state fair.

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

SECTION 1. There is appropriated out of the general fund to the department of agriculture a sum not exceeding sixteen thousand nine hundred nineteen dollars and fifty cents to pay for