

The Wisconsin State Legislature in 1965 adopted Chapter 292, Laws of 1965, which stated, “In order to broaden the educational opportunities for the youth and adults of Wisconsin, the State Board of Vocational, Technical and Adult Education shall establish a program of instruction at institutions throughout the State which will equip all this State’s people to find their place in the competitive labor market of today. This act is to be construed as an enactment of statewide concern for the purpose of establishing a statewide system of vocational, technical and adult education.”

The core of the implementation was the requirement of Chapter 292 that, “by July 1, 1970, the State Board of Vocational, Technical and Adult Education shall act to include all areas in such school districts of vocational, technical and adult education as the State Board designates.”

In the fall of 1966, the State Board and the former Coordinating Council on Higher Education conducted a series of public hearings throughout the state as to how the state plan should be implemented.

As a result of these hearings, Rock and Green Counties were designated as District 5 of the State Plan, and by action of the county boards of Rock and Green Counties, in 1967, Vocational, Technical and Adult education District Five was formed on July 1, 1968.

Subsequently, by State Board action, the name was changed to Blackhawk Vocational, Technical and Adult Education District on September 26, 1972.

On July 29, 1987, by State Board action, “technical institute” was changed to “technical college” for all of the schools within the Wisconsin Technical College System. And, on July 21, 1994, the legal titles of the Colleges within the System were changed. “Blackhawk Vocational, Technical and Adult Education District” became “Blackhawk Technical College District.”

The District constitutes a body corporate which possesses all the usual powers of a corporation for public purposes, and in that name may sue and be sued, purchase, hold and sell personal property and real estate, and enter into such obligations as are authorized by law.

Reference: Chapter 292, Laws of Wisconsin of 1965
Chapter 327, Laws of Wisconsin of 1967
Wisconsin Act 399 of 1993

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