

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

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CHAPTER 173.

AN ACT to amend sub-sections 204 and 205 of section 925 of the Wisconsin statutes of 1898, relating to sidewalks.

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

Laying of sidewalks. Board of public works to order repairs. How accomplished.

SECTION 1. Sub-section 204 of section 925 of the Wisconsin statutes of 1898 is hereby amended by striking out the word "council" in the sixth line of said sub-section, and inserting in its place the words "board of public works;" and by striking out of the eleventh line of said sub-section the words, "ten days after the passage and publication of an ordinance," and inserting in place thereof the words "three days after the service upon such owner of a copy of a written order;" and by inserting after the word "resolution," in the twelfth line of said sub-section, the words "adopted by the board of public works;" and by inserting before the word "resolution," in the last line of said sub-section, the words "order or" and by striking out of the last line of said sub-section the words "or ordinance," so that said sub-section 204, when so amended shall read as follows: Section 925-204. It shall be the duty of the owner of every lot or parcel of land abutting upon an improved street, or a

street ordered to be improved, whereon the grading for a sidewalk has been done for ten days or more, to lay at his own expenses, a standard sidewalk in front of the same, or one as good as the standard, to be approved by the board of public works. And whenever the board of public works shall have declared any sidewalk, or part thereof, unsafe, defective, or insufficient, and required the same to be removed and replaced with a new sidewalk, it shall be the duty of the owner of every lot or parcel of land abutting upon that portion of the street, or streets, upon which said sidewalk ordered to be removed is situated, to lay, at his own expense, within three days after the service upon such owner of a copy of a written order or resolution, adopted by the board of public works, requiring such removal, a standard sidewalk in place thereof, or one as good as the standard, to be approved by the board of public works, all according to the requirements of said order or resolution.

SECTION 2. Sub-section 205 of section 925 of Wisconsin statutes of 1898, is hereby amended by striking out of the tenth line thereof the words, "ten days after the passage and publication of an ordinance," and inserting in their place the words "three days after the service upon such owner, of a copy of a written order;" and by inserting after the word "resolution," in the eleventh line of said sub-section 205, the words, "adopted by the board of public works;" and by striking out of the fourteenth line of said sub-section 205 the words, "ordinance of the common council," and inserting in their place the words, "order of the board of public works;" and by striking out of the seventeenth line of said sub-section 205 the word "ordinance" and inserting in its place the word "order," so that said sub-section 205 when so amended, shall read as follows: Section 925-205. Whenever the owner of any lot or parcel of land so abutting upon any improved street or streets, ordered to be improved, whereon the space for the sidewalk

Failure of lot owner to make repairs; procedure; notice given and time of payment for repair, how received.

shall have been graded for ten days or more, shall neglect to lay a standard sidewalk, or one as good as the standard, fixed by the common council, approved by the board of public works, it shall be the duty of such board to cause a standard sidewalk to be laid in front of such lot or parcel of land; and whenever the owner of any part or parcel of land abutting upon that portion of any street or streets, upon which any sidewalk ordered to be removed is situated, shall neglect for three days after the service upon such owner of a copy of a written order or resolution, adopted by the board of public works, directing such removal, and rebuilding, to lay a piece of such sidewalk, declared unsafe, defective or insufficient, a standard sidewalk, or one as good as the standard, to be approved by the board of public works, according to the requirements of the resolution, or order of the board of public works, it shall be the duty of said board to remove such defective, unsafe or deficient sidewalk, and to replace the same with a standard sidewalk in accordance with the requirements of said resolution or order. Such work shall be let by contract in all cases where the estimated cost shall exceed one hundred dollars, and in all other cases it may be done without the intervention of a contract; and in all cases where the sidewalks shall be out of repair for more than ten days, it shall be the duty of the board of public works to repair the same. Such board shall keep an accurate account of the expense of laying and repairing sidewalks in front of each lot or parcel of land, whether the work be done by contract or otherwise, and report the same to the comptroller, who shall annually prepare a statement of the expense so incurred in front of each lot or parcel of land, and report the same to the city clerk, and the amount therein charged to each lot or parcel of land shall be by such clerk entered in the tax roll as a special tax against said lot or parcel of land, and the same shall be collected in all respects like other city taxes upon real estate.

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be done by
contract.

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

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CHAPTER 174.

AN ACT to adjust the claim of Robert S. Houston against the state.

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

Whereas, Robert S. Houston has filed a claim against the state, for damages incurred by reason of the alleged unauthorized action or mistake on the part of a state officer; and,

Whereas, the legislature is unable, in the limited time at its disposal, to determine the facts upon which said alleged claim is based, and being willing that justice should be done.

SECTION 1. The governor, attorney general and secretary of the state board of agriculture, are hereby appointed and constituted a commission to hear the evidence which may be submitted concerning the examination, condemnation, killing or otherwise disposing of the herd of dairy cattle belonging to Robert S. Houston in the year 1895, in Kenosha county, Wisconsin, upon the order of the state veterinarian. Such commission may take all testimony it may deem proper, to make a full inquiry into the facts and circumstances of the case. After taking such evidence, said commission may determine and make such findings as shall be in accordance with the facts in the case.

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