

tificate or certificates of indebtedness, an order on the county treasurer for the amount levied for such certificate or certificates, and the treasurer shall pay the same out of the general fund of said county.

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

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CHAPTER 190

AN ACT to create section 959—140 of the statutes, to authorize cities to reimburse persons who are obliged to incur expense in defending or maintaining their official acts or positions.

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

SECTION 1. A new section is added to the statutes to read: Section 959—140. Whenever, heretofore since January 1, 1910, or hereafter in any city, however incorporated, any public official in his official capacity has been or is sued, or is obliged to sue, or has been or is proceeded against or obliged to proceed, before any court, board or commission, either to defend or maintain his official position, or because of some act arising out of the performance of his official duties, and he has prevailed in such suit, action or proceeding, or the common council of such city has ordered a dismissal or discontinuance of such suit, action or proceeding, the common council of such city may authorize and provide for the payment to such person or persons of such sum or sums as such common council sees fit, to reimburse such person or persons for the expenses reasonably incurred for costs and attorney's fees, in prosecuting or defending such suit, action or proceeding.

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

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CHAPTER 191

AN ACT to amend sections 959x—1, 959x—2, 959x—3, 959x—4 and 959x—5 of the statutes, relating to utility districts in villages and cities of the fourth class.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 959x—1, 959x—2, 959x—3, 959x—4 and 959x—5 of the statutes are amended to read: Section 959x—1.

Villages and cities of the fourth class, whether organized under general or special charter, are hereby authorized to establish and maintain as provided in sections 959x—1 to 959x—5, inclusive, of the statutes, districts to be known as utility districts and to be numbered from one upwards, and thereafter the expense of improvement and maintenance of streets and highways, construction and maintenance of sewers and sidewalks, maintenance of street lighting, and furnishing water for fire protection purposes, or either, as the village board or city council may determine, not chargeable to private property, shall be paid out of the fund of the proper utility district.

Section 959x—2. The board of public works or the officer or officers designated to discharge its duties, shall report to the *village board or city council*, on or before the first day of October of each year, as accurately as may be possible the amount of money required for such purposes for the ensuing year in each district; and the *village board or city council* may direct the levy and collection of a tax for such purposes in each utility district for such amount as may be necessary on all property subject to taxation in any such utility district, which tax shall, when collected, be placed in the fund of the utility district in which the same shall be collected. The *city or village treasurer* as well as other officers who may be required to keep such record shall keep a separate and distinct account with each such district.

Section 959x—3. The *village board or city council* may at any time by a vote of three-fourths of all its members establish, vacate, alter or change the boundaries of any utility district or consolidate or rearrange the utility districts and determine which of the authorized purposes the utility districts shall embrace; provided, that before any district shall be established, altered, vacated or the purpose which such districts shall embrace be determined, the notice required to be given in the establishment of sewerage districts under section 925—210 shall first be given, and sections 925—209 to 925—212, inclusive, are hereby made applicable to the establishment, alteration and vacation of utility districts as well as determining the purposes which such utility districts shall embrace.

Section 959x—4. All provisions of law applicable to any such *city or village* for the purposes which it may include in utility districts, not inconsistent herewith, are hereby made applicable hereto as though the same were specifically included herein.

Section 959x—5. Anything contained herein shall not apply to the construction, maintenance or improvement of any bridge within any such *city or village*.

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

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CHAPTER 192

AN ACT relating to validity of bonds issued by villages for any purpose.

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

SECTION 1. If the electors of any village, prior to the passage of this act, shall have voted in favor of issuing bonds for any purpose or purposes, and the vote on such bonds shall be invalid by reason of the failure or neglect of the village to publish the notice of election for three successive weeks prior to said election as required by subsection 3 of section 943 of the statutes, the village board of such village may, notwithstanding such failure or neglect, authorize the issuance of said bonds and when issued they shall be valid, legal and binding, and of the same force and effect as though said subsection 3 had been fully complied with.

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

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CHAPTER 193

AN ACT to amend section 926—134 of the statutes, relating to powers of councils of cities to punish for violation of city ordinances.

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

SECTION 1. Section 926—134 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 926—134. All cities in this state are authorized and the * * * council of any such city shall have power to enact an ordinance, or ordinances, for the punishment by fine or imprisonment, or both, of any and all persons who shall * * * violate any city ordinance; provided, that the penalty imposed by such ordinance shall not exceed the penalty imposed by the statutes of the state of Wisconsin for the same or similar offenses.

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

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