

CHAPTER 303.

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AN ACT to incorporate the Germania savings bank.

(See supplement to local laws.)

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AN ACT empowering towns, cities and incorporated villages to raise money by tax to pay bounties to veterans who have re-enlisted in the service of the United States, and have heretofore received no local bounty from any source.

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

Towns, cities and villages may pay bounties to volunteers who have received no bounties.

Limit to bounty.

Request for and notice of meeting.

SECTION 1. The qualified electors of any town, city or incorporated village in this state, shall have power, at any annual meeting thereof, to vote to raise by tax such sum or sums of money as they may deem necessary, to pay bounties to veterans who may have re-enlisted in the service of the United States, and have become credited to such town, city or incorporated village, on any call of the president of the United States heretofore made for volunteers for the military service of the United States, and who have heretofore received no local bounty from any source: *provided*, that no larger sum than two hundred (200) dollars of such bounty shall be paid to any one of the above named veterans.

SECTION 2. The clerk of any town, city or incorporated village in this state, shall, upon the request in writing of any ten (10) or more of the qualified electors and freeholders of such town, city or incorporated village, stating the amount desired to be raised, and the number of veterans to whom it is proposed to pay this bounty, give notice of the intention to submit the question of raising such bounty to the voters of such town, city or incorporated village, at its next annual

meeting, by posting notices of such intention in at least three (3) public and conspicuous places in such town, city or incorporated village, stating the sum proposed to be raised, and the number of such re-enlisted veterans to whom it is proposed to pay the before named bounty, at least ten (10) days before such annual meeting.

SECTION 3. The qualified electors assembled at any such annual meeting, not less than fifteen (15) in number, may, before proceeding to vote on the question of raising such bounty, agree or determine upon a less sum to be voted for such purpose than that named therefor in the notices mentioned in the preceding section. A less sum may be agreed upon.

SECTION 4. The amount so voted to be raised, shall be assessed on the taxable property of such town, city or incorporated village, and put in the next annual tax roll, and collected in all respects as other taxes are collected in the town, city or incorporated village, as the case may be, unless such meeting shall determine that the collection of some part thereof may be deferred one year or more. Collection of tax.

SECTION 5. In case it shall be determined to defer the collection of any portion of the above named tax for one year or more, the proper officers of the town, city or incorporated village, shall have power to issue orders or bonds, drawing interest at the rate of not more than seven (7) per cent. per annum, (to the amount of the tax so deferred,) until paid. When bonds may be issued.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 5, 1865.