

vision so made, or whether she will claim the share of his estate provided in the next section, but she shall not be entitled to both unless it plainly appears by the will to have been so intended by the testator.

Amended.

When widow deemed to have elected to take jointure.

SECTION 3. Section 19 of said chapter 89 is hereby amended so as to read as follows: When a widow shall be entitled to an election under either of the last two preceding sections, she shall be deemed to have elected to take such jointure, devise or other provision, unless within one year after the death of her husband she file in the court having jurisdiction of the settlement of his estate, notice in writing that she elects to take the provision made for her by law, instead of the provision made for her by such jointure or other provision or devise; and upon filing such notice she shall be entitled to the same rights as to dower in his lands, and the same rights as to the homestead as though he had died intestate, and shall in addition thereto be entitled to claim and receive the same share of his personal estate as though he had died intestate; *provided, however,* that nothing herein contained shall entitle any such widow to claim or receive from the estate of her deceased husband in any of the foregoing cases any greater share or part of or interest in his estate than her rights of dower in his lands, her rights to the possession of the homestead during her widowhood, and one-third part of his net personal estate.

Provided.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 1, 1877.

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## CHAPTER 107.

AN ACT relating to ward officers of the city of Watertown, and amendatory of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Watertown and the several acts amendatory thereof," approved March 28, 1865, and repealing chapter 237, of the laws of 1875, approved March 5, 1875.

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

Election of aldermen.

SECTION 1. On the second Tuesday of April next (1877), and annually thereafter there shall be elected by the qualified electors of each ward of the city of Watertown two aldermen, whose term of service shall

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be for one year and until their successors are elected and qualified, but each one of said aldermen shall have the right to resign in the manner provided in chapter sixty-one of the private and local laws of 1867, and upon filing his resignation shall cease to be an alderman. One of said aldermen in each ward shall be designated senior alderman, and shall be so designated on the ballots. The said alderman shall each be entitled to seats in the common council of said city, and the senior aldermen so elected shall form a board of street commissioners and shall have and exercise all the powers now conferred by law on the said board, except so far as limited and controlled by this act.

SECTION 2. In each ward of said city, at the annual election to be holden on the second Tuesday of April next (1877) and annually thereafter, there shall be elected by the qualified electors of each ward, one supervisor and one roadmaster. Said supervisor shall be entitled to a seat in the county board of supervisors, and in case of any vacancy in said office or inability from any cause to attend said county board, then the senior alderman of said ward shall represent said ward in the county board of supervisors. The road master shall, under the directions of the ward board (hereinafter provided), superintend all work in his respective ward, and shall be entitled to receive not exceeding one dollar and twenty-five cents per day for his services during the time actually employed, to be ascertained and audited by the ward board.

Election of supervisors and roadmasters.

SECTION 3. The senior alderman, supervisor and road master shall constitute a ward board, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum, and shall have exclusive control of all the streets, highways, alleys and public grounds of their respective wards, and shall direct all improvements therein; they shall have full control of all road funds and the expenditure of the same and all road taxes and highway labor shall be under their control, and shall have full power to collect and expend all poll tax as provided by law. All claims against said ward shall be audited by said ward board and laid before the common council or board of street commissioners for allowance, and no claim so audited shall be increased by said board without the consent of the ward board.

Ward boards.

SECTION 4. The ward board shall act as inspectors of election in their respective wards, also as a board of registry, and shall receive no compensation for any service, except as provided by law.

Duty of same.

- poor fund.** SECTION 5. The supervisors of the fifth and sixth wards of the city of Watertown shall have control of the poor fund of their respective wards; shall audit accounts, and lay the same before the board of street commissioners to be allowed.
- Right to examine records.** SECTION 6. Any tax payer or elector of said city shall have the right of free access to and to examine all records, books and papers of every description in the office of the city clerk, treasurer and board of education without charge and during all reasonable hours.
- Repealed.** SECTION 7. Chapter 237 of the laws of 1875 and all laws conflicting with this act are hereby repealed.
- SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.
- Approved March 1, 1877.

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[Published March 26, 1877.]

## CHAPTER 108.

AN ACT relating to prisons and common jails, and amendment of section 9 of chapter 190, of the revised statutes.

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

- Amended.** SECTION 1. Section nine of chapter one hundred and ninety (190) of the revised statutes of 1858, is hereby amended by inserting in the fifth line, after the words "ministers of the gospel," the words "or persons duly delegated by any regular organized Young Men's Christian Association within the county," so that said section 9, chapter 190, when amended shall read: The keeper of each prison shall provide at the expense of the county, for each prisoner under his charge, who may be able and desirous to read a copy of the bible or new testament, to be used by such prisoner at proper seasons during his confinement, and any minister of the gospel, or person duly delegated by any regularly organized Young Men's Christian Association within the county disposed to aid in reforming the prisoners and instructing them in their moral and religious duties, have access to them at seasonable and proper times.
- Prisoners to have bible, etc.** SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.
- Approved March 1, 1877.