

SECTION 3. Justices of the peace shall have jurisdiction to hear, try and determine all cases and actions arising under the provisions of this act, and upon the collection of any fine imposed by virtue of the provisions of this act, one-half of the amount of such fine shall be paid to the complainant in the case and the remainder shall be applied to the credit of the school fund of the county of Vernon. Jurisdiction.

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

Approved March 16, 1878.

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CHAPTER 246.

AN ACT to enable secret societies and other charitable and benevolent institutions, including mutual insurance companies organized by said societies and incorporated under the laws of this state, to amend their charters.

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

SECTION 1. The board of directors or trustees having the control of the affairs of any insurance company organized by any secret society or other benevolent society, which has been heretofore incorporated by the laws of this state, said board having been previously elected by the members or stockholders of said company, shall be authorized to make such alterations and amendments to the constitution and by-laws of any such company as a majority of such board may determine to be for the best interest of said company, which said amendments shall be in full force and effect from and after their adoption by said board: *provided, however,* the annual meeting of the stockholders or members of any such society may by a majority of all such members or stockholders present, or represented by proxy thereat, rescind any such resolution. Amendments to charter authorized.

SECTION 2. If it is proposed to make any alteration or amendment described in section one of this act, at any special meeting of said board, it shall be the duty of the secretary of said society to send a written notice to each member of said board of the time and place of such meeting, and shall also state the object of such meeting. Special meeting.

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

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CHAPTER 247.

AN ACT to incorporate the city of Fort Atkinson.

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

CHAPTER I.

INCORPORATION.

Incorporated.

SECTION 1. All that district of country in the county of Jefferson hereafter described shall be and remain a city by the name of Fort Atkinson, and the people who now, or who may hereafter inhabit said district shall be a municipal corporation by the name of the city of Fort Atkinson, and shall have the general powers possessed by municipal corporations at common law, and also the powers hereinafter specifically granted, and the authorities thereof shall have perpetual succession, shall be capable of contracting and being contracted with, suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded with in all courts of law and equity, and shall have a common seal, and may change and alter the same at pleasure.

CHAPTER II.

CITY AND WARD BOUNDARIES.

City boundaries

SECTION 1. All that district of country in the town of Koshkonong and county of Jefferson, in the state of Wisconsin, included within the following described territory, to wit: The east half of section four and the west half of section three, township five north, of range number fourteen east, shall be included in and constitute the limits of the city of Fort Atkinson.

Ward boundaries.

SECTION 2. The said city is hereby divided into three wards to be called and known as the first, second and third wards, and limited and bounded as follows, to-wit: All that portion of said city lying south of