

taking shall, within ten days after its acceptance, be filed in the office of the secretary, and shall remain on file in such office except when required to be produced in court as evidence. He shall also, at the time of effecting such insurance, pay such percentage in cash and such reasonable sums for a policy as may be required by the rules or by laws.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved February 19, 1881.

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CHAPTER 14.

AN ACT to appropriate a certain sum of money to pay the extra employes of the legislature.

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

Appropriation.

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund not otherwise appropriated, a sum sufficient to cover the salaries of the extra employes of the legislature of 1881.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 19, 1881.

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CHAPTER 15.

AN ACT to amend the charter of the city of Oshkosh.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section two of chapter seven of chapter one hundred and twenty-three of the general laws of 1877, entitled an act to revise, consolidate and amend the charter of the city of Oshkosh, the act incorporating the city, and the several acts amendatory thereof, is hereby amended by striking out the word "eight," in the eighth line of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "ten."

Water works.

SECTION 2. Section ten of chapter six of chapter one hundred and twenty-three of the general laws of 1877, entitled an act to revise, consolidate and amend the charter of the city of Oshkosh, the act incorporating the city, and the several acts amendatory thereof, is hereby

amended so as to read as follows: Section 10. The common council of the city of Oshkosh, may, by ordinance, adopt by majority vote of the members of said common council, empower, authorize and permit any corporation, association or individual, to erect, construct, complete and maintain in the city, water works, and to grant to any individual, association or corporation, the privilege to run through and lay water pipes under any street or alley, or above ground, and to erect hydrants and build such buildings and use such machinery as will be necessary to construct such water works; and the common council of said city may contract with such individual, association or corporation to supply said city with water, and rent or purchase hydrants, and the expense thereof be charged to such wards or districts wherein such hydrants are erected; and the aldermen or a majority thereof of each ward may divide the wards which they respectively represent into one or more water districts, with power to alter the boundaries thereof or redistrict the same; or the common council may build, erect, construct, complete and maintain in the city, water works, with or without steam engines to run the same, may set the engines in the Fox river, Lake Butte des Morts or Lake Winnebago, and run pipes therefrom through the city underground and above ground; or may build water works by sinking artesian wells and fountains and making reservoirs, and may purchase patented rights for patent water works, or purchase water works erected by any individual, corporation or association; may rent the use of the water to residents and provide for the collection of the rents, impose fines and penalties for the care and protection of the water and water works, do all the common council may deem necessary to be done in the premises to supply the city and the residents thereof with water, by ordinance: *provided, however,* that no such ordinance to build or purchase water works shall be valid and binding, until the same shall be submitted to the vote of the qualified electors of said city, which may be done at a regular or special election called for that purpose by a majority vote of the common council. At least two weeks' notice thereof shall be given, and if a majority of the qualified electors voting, shall vote in favor of such ordinance to build or purchase water works, the common council may raise the whole or part of the money required by the ordinance to build or purchase the water works by special tax, or by inserting the same in the annual tax roll, or

may raise the whole or part thereof by issuing the bonds of the city therefor and selling the same, which bonds may be made payable in twenty years (or less number of years), in equal annual payments, not to draw to exceed eight per cent. interest, payable annually.

Water tax.

SECTION 3. There shall be levied and assessed upon, and collected from, all the taxable property in such district, a tax or assessment to pay all the cost and expense for water used, and for the rental of the hydrants by the city, in such ward or district as aforesaid; the same shall be collected therefrom as other taxes and assessments are collected.

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

Approved February 21, 1881.

[No. 11, S.]

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CHAPTER 16.

AN ACT to legalize the official acts of the board of trustees of the Eau Claire Wesleyan Seminary, of the city of Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

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

Acts legalized.

SECTION 1. The official acts of the board of trustees of the Eau Claire Wesleyan Seminary, in authorizing the execution of a certain note and mortgage, for the sum of eight hundred and fifty dollars, and the execution thereof on the twenty-fifth day of June, 1880, by E. C. French as president, and W. W. Downs as secretary, of said board, and all other official acts of said board of trustees, and of the officers elected by said board, are hereby declared legal and valid, and shall have the same binding force and effect as if the ministers appointed by the northwest Wisconsin conference of the Methodist Episcopal church as visitors to the said seminary, and who are by law constituted *ex officio* members of the board, had been present at and had participated in all meetings, elections, and the transaction of all other business by said board of trustees, or held thereby, and all other provisions of law had been complied with.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved February 25, 1881.