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CHAPTER 288.

AN ACT to enable and authorize cities of the first class, whether operating under general law or special charter, to provide for the disposal of their garbage, and to erect and acquire crematories and plants for the operation of the same or other garbage reducing works, and to issue bonds for the payment thereof.

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

Cities of the first class authorized to provide by contract for disposal of garbage.

SECTION 1. Any city of the first class in this state, whether the same be organized under the general laws thereof or operating under special charter granted by the legislature of this state, is hereby authorized to provide by contract, or otherwise, for the disposal of their garbage, and to purchase or lease lands within the limits of such cities respectively, and to erect crematories or other works for the reduction or disposal of said garbage, and to operate the same. Such lands may be acquired by lease, purchase or condemnation as provided in the charter of such cities.

Relating to procuring land for a garbage consuming plant.

SECTION 2. Whenever the common council of such city shall, by ordinance or resolution, duly adopted by a vote of the majority of all the aldermen elect of such city, declare it to be for the public interest to acquire such lands by lease, purchase or condemnation, a committee of said common council or of the city officers, as such common council by said ordinance or resolution shall direct, shall be appointed for the purpose of examining sites and reporting thereon to the said common council; and if the common council shall deem any of

said sites proper to be used for the purpose expressed in the title of this act, then it shall have full power and authority to make such lease or purchase or proceed to condemn the same as provided by the charter of such city. And said city is hereby vested with full power and authority to maintain and operate such garbage consuming plant or reduction works and to render dead carcasses, and to convert such products as may be deemed fit, and sell and dispose of the same at private sales or by contract as the said common council shall, from time to time, determine; and said converting and rendering establishment shall be run and conducted according to the most approved sanitary methods.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act, the common council of such city is hereby authorized to issue corporate bonds payable in lawful money of the United States within twenty years from date of their issue, bearing interest, payable semi-annually, at the rate not exceeding six per cent. per annum, for the purpose of paying for said lands and the erection thereon of a crematory or other garbage reducing or rendering establishment, or both, which said bonds shall be either registered or coupon bonds as the said common council shall direct, and all such bonds issued shall be issued, used and disposed of in accordance with the provisions of chapter 311, of the laws of the state of Wisconsin for the year 1893; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed as permitting any such city to issue bonds in an amount greater than heretofore authorized by law.

May issue bonds for the purposes above stated.

SECTION 4. At the discretion of the common council any such city, evidenced by a vote of a majority of all the members elect, it shall be competent for said city to acquire by purchase, or by assignment from any person, company or corporation, any plant now in existence in this state for the purpose of reducing said garbage,

City may acquire a garbage plant from any person or corporation.

and to operate the same, with all the powers hereinbefore given to such city.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 289.

AN ACT to provide for the collection of certain historical material, and to designate a commissioner for that purpose, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

J. Q. Emery
appointed
commissioner
to collect
historical and
biographical
material until
the second
Wednesday in
January, 1899.

SECTION 1. J. Q. Emery is hereby appointed commissioner until the second Wednesday of January, 1899, with authority, and it shall be his duty so far as practicable, with such aid and advice as may be contributed by the members of the consulting and advisory board provided for in section 3, of this act, to collect, through local historical societies, schools, the grand army of the republic, woman's relief corps, and such other agencies as may be found available, such local historical and biographical material as may be considered valuable for preservation in the library of the state historical society; to encourage and advise local historical societies, and foster in schools and colleges a spirit of local historical inquiry and research, and to co-operate generally with the state historical society and the central committee on the semi-centen-