

or unincorporated, with a population of not less than one hundred, by the last preceding state census.”

Conflicting laws repealed. SECTION 2. All acts and parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

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

Approved March 31, 1903.

No. 502, A.]

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CHAPTER 50.

AN ACT authorizing cities of the first class to invite proposals to do the printing for such cities, and to enter into contracts for doing the same.

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

Proposals for printing contracts. SECTION 1. The common council of any city of the first class, as classified by the statutes of 1898, shall on or before the first Tuesday in April, A. D. 1903, and on or before the same day in each year thereafter, direct the city clerk of such city to advertise in one English, one German and one Polish newspaper published in such city, for proposals to do the advertising for such city for the next ensuing year thereafter, and until a new contract is awarded, of all ordinances, notices and all the city advertising required by law, or by resolution or ordinance of the common council, to be published in a newspaper, and also for proposals to publish the proceedings of the common council as may be ordered by the council; such advertisement shall invite separate bids for the advertising required, and for publishing the proceedings of the common council, and shall invite such bids from the English, the German and the Polish newspapers published daily in such city for at least two consecutive years prior to the date of the bids, and shall require the delivery of such proposals stating whether in English, in German or in Polish, in

writing duly sealed, and directed to said clerk, on or before the third Tuesday of April of the then current year. No bids for either kind of work shall be considered by said clerk except from a daily newspaper which has been published in such city at least two years consecutively next before the date of the bid, and no bid shall be considered unless accompanied by a certificate from the city treasurer, showing that the bidder has deposited with him five hundred dollars in money, or United States bonds, and a written agreement, executed by said bidder under seal to the effect that if such bid, either for advertising or publishing proceedings, be accepted, and upon being notified thereof, such bidder shall fail to enter into and execute a contract for the advertising, or the publication of proceedings, or for both, as required by this act, within the time prescribed by said clerk, said advertisement, then and in such case the said five hundred dollars shall become absolutely forfeited to such city. If a bid be rejected in case the bidder makes but one, and if both bids be rejected in case the bidder makes two bids, the said certificate of the city treasurer, and such agreement, and said five hundred dollars shall be thereupon returned to the bidder. The said clerk shall, on the third Tuesday in April in each year at twelve o'clock at noon in the presence of the mayor, open all such bids or proposals, and shall thereupon in the presence of the mayor, enter upon a record to be kept by the clerk for that purpose, all the said proposals for either kind of work, either in English, German or Polish, with the respective prices for which such newspapers shall offer to do either the advertising or the publication of the proceedings of the common council. And thereupon said clerk shall transmit all such proposals to the common council, at the next regular meeting thereof, held after the opening of such proposals, and a statement of all such proposals, designating therein the English newspaper or newspapers, the German newspaper or newspapers, and the Polish newspaper or newspapers, which shall respectively do such advertising, or such publication of proceedings, or both of them, at the lowest price for the time herein specified. If, however, any two or more bids, either for advertising or for publishing the proceedings, either in English, German or Polish, shall be for the same price, then all such facts shall be stated. The common council shall thereupon at said meeting thereof, by its resolution, designate and award such advertising, and such publication of council proceedings to the English newspaper or newspapers, the German newspaper or newspapers, and the Polish newspaper or newspapers so published in such city,

which shall respectively offer to do such advertising and such publication of proceedings, or either, at the lowest price for the time herein specified. Provided, that in case only one Polish paper should bid for the publication of such proceedings, and said advertising, and such bid should be higher than the lowest bid for the publication of such proceedings and such advertising in German, then the common council shall set the price for such publication of said proceedings and said advertising in the Polish paper equal to the price to be paid to the German newspaper or newspapers to which contracts for the publication of said proceedings and said advertising in German have been, or may be, at that time awarded. And if two or more bids shall be received for either the advertising or the publication of the proceedings in either English, German or Polish for the same price, then and in such case such advertising or such publication of the proceedings, or both, shall be so let to the newspapers in either such language having the largest circulation in such city, and the publishers of the newspapers to which such advertising or publication of proceedings, or both, shall be awarded as aforesaid, shall respectively thereupon give bond in the sum of two thousand dollars for the faithful performance of said contract, which bond shall be approved by the comptroller of such city, as to the sureties therein, and by the city attorney as to the form and execution thereof. Provided, that in case both the advertising and the publication of proceedings, either in English, German or Polish shall be let to the same newspaper, then the penalty of such bond shall be four thousand dollars. And, whenever the successful bidder for the advertising, or for the publication of proceedings as aforesaid, or for both, shall have executed the contract and bond aforesaid, and such bond shall have been duly approved as aforesaid, the sum of five hundred dollars deposited with the city treasurer by such bidder, in accordance with this act, shall be returned to the said bidder in accordance with the provisions hereintofore set forth. Such newspapers shall thereupon become liable to print and publish all such ordinances, notices, council proceedings and other proceeding as are required by the charter of such city, or by resolution or ordinance of the common council to be published in a public newspaper, and which such newspaper shall have contracted to publish for the compensation specified in such proposals and contract, and shall receive no other compensation therefor, provided, however, that said common council may in its discretion reject any or all bids so made that by said common council shall be deemed exorbitant, or too high, and in case of the re-

jection of all bids for either advertising or publication of proceedings for such cause, it shall thereupon be the duty of the said common council to direct said city clerk to readvertise for proposals for such advertising or publication of proceedings, as the case may be, in the same manner as hereinbefore in this act provided, and the said clerk shall thereafter transmit to said common council the proposals so received by him in the manner aforesaid. The said common council shall designate the English, the German and Polish newspapers receiving the contract for such advertising as the proper official newspapers of such city. Provided, that if for any reason such contracts, or any of them, shall not be awarded at the time hereinbefore specified, then the new contract, or contracts, shall be awarded for the unexpired portion of such year and until a new contract is awarded.

Conflicting laws repealed. SECTION 2. All acts or parts of acts, including the provisions of any special charter, contravening the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed as repealing chapter 98 of the laws of Wisconsin for the year 1897.

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

Approved April 4, 1903.

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CHAPTER 51.

AN ACT to authorize counties and towns to pay bounty for killing rattlesnakes.

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

Bounty on rattlesnakes authorized. SECTION 1. The boards of supervisors of the several counties and the town boards of the several towns within the state are hereby authorized and empowered to provide, by resolution or ordinance, for the pay-