

of them, and shall be counted, canvassed and returned in the same manner and shall have the same effect, as if the said town of Anderson was fully and completely organized.

**Powers, when organized.** SECTION 4. When such election shall have been held as herein provided and the town officers of the town of Anderson have qualified as required by law, the said town of Anderson shall be deemed, and shall be, duly organized and shall possess all rights, powers, privileges and liabilities of other towns in this state.

**Authority of county board unabridged.** SECTION 5. Nothing in this act shall be so construed as to abridge any of the powers of the county board of Burnett county to set off, organize, vacate or change the boundaries of said towns at any time hereafter in accordance with the powers conferred by law upon county boards.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 7, 1903.

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## CHAPTER 9.

AN ACT to provide for the refunding of municipal debts.

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

**Municipalities may refund debts when tax insufficient.** SECTION 1. There shall be a section of the statutes of 1898 to be known as section 942c, as follows: Section 942c. Whenever any county, town, city, village or school district has heretofore contracted or may hereafter contract any general indebtedness, within the provisions of section 3, article 11, of the constitution, and within the five per cent. limitation, other than for special street, sewer or harbor improvements, and has inadvertently failed to provide or has not sufficiently provided for the collection of a direct annual tax, sufficient to pay such indebted-

ness, principal and interest, or may hereafter so fail, but such municipality has received or shall receive the consideration of such indebtedness, and the same has been or shall be applied to its use and benefit, it may refund any such indebtedness, or such portion thereof as may remain unpaid, by the issue of new evidences thereof, at the same or a less rate of interest, and exchange the same for evidences for such former indebtedness; or may issue negotiable bonds therefor at the same or a smaller rate of interest, running not to exceed twenty years, and may substitute said bonds for said indebtedness, or sell the bonds and pay the same.

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

Approved March 9th, 1903.

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## CHAPTER 10.

AN ACT to submit to the people an amendment to the constitution, relating to the number of justices of the supreme court and to provide for elections to fill vacancies in the office of justice of the supreme court.

**Preamble.** Whereas, The legislature of this state at the biennial session for the year 1901, proposed and adopted by a vote of the members elected to each of the two houses, an amendment to the constitution of this state (the same being in fact an amendment to section 4, of article 7 thereof as amended in 1877), the proposed amendment being in the following language:

Resolved, by the assembly, the senate concurring, That section 1 of article VII of the constitution be amended so as to read as follows:

**Provisions of amendment.** SECTION 1. The chief justice and associate justices of the supreme court shall be severally known as the justices of said court, with the same terms of office of ten years respectively as now provided. The supreme court