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CHAPTER 239.

AN ACT to amend section 762 of the statutes of 1898, and to provide for a system of tract indices in the office of the register of deeds in counties of two hundred and fifty thousand or more population, and to provide for reports by county officers to the register of deeds.

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

System of tract indices in certain counties. SECTION 1. *Section 762 of the statutes of 1898 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following: In any county which has a population of two hundred and fifty thousand or more according to the last state or United States census, the county board of supervisors may, by resolution, adopt a more complete system of tract indices than above specified, or a system of chain of title indices, provided such system be clearly specified in such resolution; in the event of such adoption, said board of supervisors may contract, with any suitable person, to compile and complete such system of indices, and may levy such taxes as may be required to cover the cost of so doing; said register of deeds shall not be required to compile, install or complete such system of indices, but shall after the same be so completed under such contract of said board of supervisors, thereafter maintain and keep up the same; and, thereafter, shall discontinue all other tract indices theretofore in use or maintained.*

Daily report by county officers to register of deeds. SECTION 2. *In the event of the adoption of any such system of tract indices, or of any such system of chain of title indices, by such county board of supervisors, by such resolution, if such resolution shall provide that any such index shall include an abstract or notation of any proceeding or proceedings pending, or of any instruments or documents filed or entered in the office of the clerk of any court of such county, or of the county court, or of a register of probate, or of any sales for taxes made by any officer of said county, or of any city in said county, and shall call for a daily report to be made to the register of deeds of said county by any officer in charge of any such office of any such proceedings, instruments or documents or tax sales, each such*

office so called upon by said resolution to make such daily report, shall, upon the close of business on each day report, in writing, under his hand, to said register of deeds, any and all proceedings, instruments and documents, and tax sales, so-called for by such resolution, and said register shall, when required to maintain and keep up such system of indices, note all such proceedings, instruments and documents, and tax sales upon such indices, in accordance with such resolution.

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

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CHAPTER 240.

AN ACT relating to villages and cities specially incorporated.

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

When city or village to take fee simple title to lands condemned. SECTION 1. Whenever any village or city specially incorporated except cities of the first class shall exercise power to condemn lands for streets, alleys, public grounds, parks, cemeteries, sites for schools and other public buildings and lands to be used for the purpose of drainage and water distribution and other public municipal purposes not herein enumerated, the village or city shall take a fee simple title to such land for public grounds, sites for schools or other public buildings, and in all other cases the fee shall remain in the owner, his heirs and assigns, and the village or city shall take by the condemnation only such an interest as shall be necessary and convenient for the uses and purposes for which the land is condemned.

Act to apply to what proceedings. SECTION 2. This act shall apply to pending proceedings as well as proceedings hereafter instituted and shall be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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