

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

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CHAPTER 161.

AN ACT to repeal subsection 6 and amend subsection 7 of section 1497 of the statutes, relating to the commissioners of fisheries.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection 6 of section 1497 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 2. Subsection 7 of section 1497 is re-numbered and amended to read: * * * 6. They shall report in * * * *December* of each * * * *even-numbered* year to the * * * *governor* their transactions for the biennial term ending the preceding thirtieth day of * * * *June*.

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

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CHAPTER 162.

AN ACT to create sections 959—17a to 959—17j inclusive, of the statutes, relating to the creation and organization of a commission on the city plan in cities of the first, second and third classes, and to the acquisition of lands by such cities for certain public purposes.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes ten new sections to read: Section 959—17a. The common council of every city of the first, second and third classes may, by ordinance, provide for the creation of a commission on the city plan to consist of seven members whose organization, power, duties and qualifications shall be as set forth in sections 959—17b to 959—17j inclusive.

Section 959—17b. Such commission shall consist of the mayor, who shall be its presiding officer, the city engineer, the president of the park board, one member of the common council

and three citizens. In case any such city shall be without a park board the mayor shall appoint four citizen members.

Section 959—17c. Upon the adoption of an ordinance as provided in section 959—17a, the common council of any such city shall, by a two-thirds vote of its members, elect one of its number as a member of such commission, who shall serve as such member until the next ensuing first day of May; and during the month of April of each year, or whenever a vacancy shall occur the council shall, by a like two-thirds vote, elect one of its number for a period of one year from and after the first day of May then ensuing, or to fill the unexpired term.

Section 959—17d. Immediately upon the adoption of such ordinance, the mayor shall appoint three citizens, members of such commission, one citizen member to hold office for three years, one citizen member for two years and one citizen member for one year from the ensuing first day of May, and in case any city shall be without a park board, the mayor of such city shall appoint a fourth citizen member to hold office for one year from the ensuing first day of May or until such city shall establish a park board. In the month of April of each year thereafter, in which the terms of office of such citizen members respectively expire, the mayor shall appoint one citizen member of such commission for the period of three years from the first day of May next ensuing, and in case any city should be without a park board, one additional citizen member for a period of one year from the first day of May next ensuing, or until such city shall establish a park board. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the term of any citizen member, the mayor shall appoint a citizen as a member to fill such unexpired term.

Section 959—17e. No member of the common council or citizen shall be elected or appointed a member of such commission who shall be actively engaged in the purchasing or selling of real estate in such city, and all citizen members shall be persons of recognized experience and qualifications. Such members of the commission shall hold office until their respective successors are elected and qualified. No member of any such commission shall receive any compensation for his services as such member.

Section 959—17f. The common council of any such city shall refer any question concerning the location and architectural design of any public building, the location of any statue or other memorial, the location, extension, widening, enlargement, ornamentation, and parking of any street, parkway, boulevard, park, playground, or other memorial or public grounds within any such city to such commission for its consideration and report be-

fore final action is taken thereon by such council. All plats or replats of any lands within the limits of such city or of any lands outside of and within one and one-half miles of the limits of such city shall be submitted to the commission of such city for its recommendation to the council before the same are approved by such council.

Section 959—17g. The common council may refer to said commission the construction or carrying out of any public work not expressly within the province of other boards or commissions of said city, and may delegate to said commission all powers which the said council deems necessary to complete such work in all details.

Section 959—17h. Said commission may make or cause to be made a map or maps of said city or any portion thereof, showing locations proposed by it for any new public building, statue, memorial grounds, street, parkway, boulevard, park, playgrounds, or any other public grounds and the grades thereof, and the street building and veranda lines thereof, and for any new square or park, or any changes by it deemed advisable in the present location of any public building, statue, memorial, grounds, street, parkway, boulevards, playground, square or park, and may employ expert advice in the making of such map or maps.

Section 959—17i. Any such city, acting through its commission, or otherwise, may acquire by gift, purchase, or condemnation any lands within its corporate limits, for establishing, laying out, widening, enlarging, extending and maintaining memorial grounds, streets, squares, parkways, boulevards, parks, playgrounds, sites for public buildings, and reservations in and about and along and leading to any or all of the same; and after the establishment, layout and completion of such improvements, may convey any such real estate thus acquired and not necessary for such improvements, with reservations concerning the future use and occupation of such real estate, so as to protect such public works and improvements, and their environs, and to preserve the view, appearance, light, air and usefulness of such public works, and to promote the public health and welfare.

Section 959—17j. It is hereby declared and the acquisition and conveyance of lands for the purposes and as provided in the preceding section constitute a public use, and is for the public health and welfare.

SECTION 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

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

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CHAPTER 163.

AN ACT to amend section 1636—83 of the statutes, relating to regulations respecting the safety of workmen in the construction of buildings.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1636—83 of the statutes, is amended to read: Section 1636—83. 1. All contractors and owners, when constructing buildings in cities, where the plans and specifications require the floors to be arched between the beams thereof, or where the floors or filling in between the floors are of fire-proof material or brick work, shall complete the flooring or filling in as the building progresses, to not less than within * * *
* one * * * tier of beams below that on which iron work is being erected. If the plans and specifications of such buildings do not require filling in between the beams of floors with brick or fire-proof material, all contractors for carpenter work, in the course of construction, shall lay the under flooring thereof on each story as the building progresses, to not less than within * * * one * * * story below the one to which such building has been erected. Where double floors are not to be used, such contractor shall keep planked-over the floor * * *
* one story below the story where the work is being performed.

2. If the floor beams are of iron or steel, the contractors for the iron and steel work of such buildings, in the course of construction, or the owners of such buildings, shall thoroughly plank-over the entire tier of iron or steel beams on which the structural iron or steel work is being erected, except such spaces as may be reasonably required for the proper construction of such iron or steel work, and for the raising and lowering of materials to be used in the construction of such building, or such spaces as may be designated by the plans and specifications for stairways and elevator shafts.

3. If elevating machines or hoisting apparatus are used within a building in the course of construction, for the purpose of lifting materials to be used in such construction, the contractors or owners shall cause the shafts or openings in each floor