

SECTION 4. Chapter 184 of the laws of 1909 is amended by striking out “—14” in line 1 of Section 1, in “of section 430—14,” so that the opening words of section 1 will read “Sub-section 14 of section 430.”

SECTION 5. Chapter 271 of the laws of 1909 is hereby made section 1797—12a of the statutes.

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

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CHAPTER 517.

AN ACT to create subsection 12m of section 670 of the statutes, relating to powers of county boards.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes a new subsection to section 670 of the statutes to read: 12m. To make provision out of the general funds of the county for the erection of monuments to the memory of distinguished citizens of the county and to care for the graves and monuments of distinguished citizens, and to establish a trust fund the income of which shall be used for such purpose.

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

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CHAPTER 518.

AN ACT relating to the committees of the legislature appointed to investigate the subjects of water powers, industrial insurance, the income tax, additional security for depositors in state banks, and state aid in the construction of highways and making an appropriation therefor.

WHEREAS, The legislature has by a joint resolution provided for five joint committees of the legislature to investigate the subjects of the control of water powers by the state and granting of franchises for the same, and the expediency of imposing a charge therefore, industrial insurance, the income tax, additional security for depositors in state banks and state aid in the construction of highways.

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

SECTION 1. The committees of the legislature appointed under the provisions of such joint resolution are hereby authorized and empowered to do all things and perform all acts necessary and convenient to carry out the provisions of such resolution and the provisions of this act, and such authorization and power shall continue after the adjournment of this legislature. Among other things and acts which such committees may perform, one of said committees is hereby authorized thoroughly to investigate the subject of the control of water powers by the state and conditions upon which franchises for the same should be granted by the state and the expediency of imposing a charge thereof and such other matters pertaining to this subject as the said committee shall determine, and to draft a bill or bills covering said subject. One of such committees so appointed is hereby authorized thoroughly to investigate the subject of industrial insurance, and to report a bill or bills covering that subject; one of such committees so appointed is authorized thoroughly to investigate the subject of an income tax and report a bill or bills covering that subject; and one of such committees so appointed is authorized thoroughly to investigate the subject of additional security for depositors in state banks and such other amendments to the present state banking laws as will strengthen the banking system of this state, and to report a bill or bills covering those subjects; one of such committees so appointed is authorized thoroughly to investigate the subject of state aid in the construction of highways and the practicability of utilizing convict labor of the state for that purpose and to report a bill, or bills, covering those subjects. The mention of any line of inquiry herein shall not in any way limit the field of investigation which each of said committees is empowered to enter upon and which it shall deem expedient in connection with the subject matter assigned to it for consideration.

SECTION 2. Each of said committees by a majority vote of the members thereof, is hereby vested with plenary powers to perform and discharge the duties by the said resolution and by this act enjoined. Any member of each of said committees shall have power to administer oaths to persons appearing before such committee.

SECTION 3. Each of said committees shall have power to employ such stenographers, clerks, assistants and experts as it may deem necessary and expedient for the proper discharge of

the duties hereby assigned to it, and to fix the compensation of such persons as it shall employ.

SECTION 4. Each of said committees is authorized to print and send to each member of the legislature at least sixty days before the convening of the special session of the legislature referred to in said resolution, a copy of the proposed bills or bills framed, put together with a copy of the findings and recommendations of such committee.

SECTION 5. Each of said committee is authorized to hold such meetings at such places and at such dates as it shall deem most expedient.

SECTION 6. Each member of each of said committees shall be re-imbursed by the state for his actual necessary expenses, but shall receive no compensation for time devoted to the work of such committee.

SECTION 7. Each of said committees may by subpoena, issue over the signature of the chairman or acting chairman of said committee and served in the manner in which circuit court subpoenas are served, summon and compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of all books, papers, documents and records necessary or convenient to be examined or used by them in the course of the discharge of their duties.

SECTION 8. If any witness subpoenaed to appear before any said committee shall refuse to appear or to answer inquiries propounded, or shall fail or refuse to produce books, documents, papers, and records, within his possession or control when the same are demanded by said committee, such committee shall report the facts to the circuit court of the county in which such examination is being conducted and it shall be the duty of such court to compel obedience to such subpoena by attachment proceedings for contempt, as in case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from such court, or a refusal to testify therein.

SECTION 9. A sum of money sufficient to carry out the provisions of this act and of the said resolution is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated. All bills for the expenses of any such committee, including witnesses fees, the compensation of stenographers, clerks, assistants and experts employed by each such committee, shall be approved by the committee certified by the chairman thereof and audited by the governor and by the secretary of state, who shall issue his warrant therefor upon the state treasurer.

SECTION 10. The provisions of this act shall also apply to the committee constituted under joint resolution No. 85, S.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 519.

AN ACT to amend section 940b of the statutes, relating to the filing of and the publication of applications for the granting of franchises.

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

SECTION 1. Section 940b of the statutes is amended to read: Section 940b. No franchise shall be granted by any village board or common council until the application therefor, containing the substance of the privileges asked for, shall be filed with the village or city clerk and be published at the expense of the applicant in the official paper of the village or city which is asked to grant the same, or if there be no such paper, * * * *printed in such village or city, the village board or council may designate a newspaper having a general circulation in said village or city and printed in the county in which such village or city is located* for not less than two weeks previous to action on such application by such board or council. Proof of such publication shall be made in the manner in which the publication of ordinances is required to be proved by the charter of such village or city, and such proof shall be filed with the village or city clerk. This section shall apply to every village and city the charter of which does not contain a similar provision.

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

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CHAPTER 520.

AN ACT to authorized the state board of control to grant a right of way to the Sparta-Melrose Electric Railway & Power Co., over and across lands belonging to the State public school.

WHEREAS, The Sparta-Melrose Electric Railway & Power Co., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Wisconsin, is empowered to construct, maintain and operate