

5. Nothing contained in this section shall apply to any city ordinance which grants a franchise for a public utility, or authorizes the issue of municipal bonds.

Section 39k. 1. Every petition submitting a proposed ordinance to the city council or county board, and every petition for the suspension of an ordinance or resolution, shall be filed with the clerk of the city or county. Signatures to such petition may be upon different pieces of paper bearing the same or substantially similar headings.

2. Each signer shall add to his signature his place of residence, giving the street and number, and one signer of each paper of such petition shall make oath before an officer competent to administer oaths, that the statements therein made are true, as he believes, and that each signature to the paper appended is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be.

3. Within ten days from the date of filing such a petition, the clerk shall examine and ascertain whether or not said petition is signed by the requisite number of qualified electors, and he shall attach to said petition his certificate showing the result of said examination.

4. If by the clerk's certificate the petition is shown to be insufficient, the particulars of such insufficiency shall be set forth in such certificate, and it may be amended within ten days from the date of said certificate by the addition of signatures or otherwise.

5. If the petition shall be found to be sufficient the clerk shall certify and submit the same to the council without delay.

Section 39l. The veto power of the mayor shall not extend to measures adopted by a vote of the people.

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

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## CHAPTER 514.

AN ACT to create section 435d of the statutes, relating to the use of schools, public buildings and public property for public meetings.

*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 section to read: Section 435d. 1. Upon application of not less than one-

half of the voters residing in the district, the school board or other body having charge of schoolhouses or other public buildings or grounds, which are capable of being more widely used as public meeting places for nonpartisan gatherings of citizens, for the presentation and discussion of public questions or for other civic, social or recreational activities, shall allow the use of such buildings or grounds for the open presentation and free discussion of public questions, and may allow the use of such buildings or grounds for such other civic, social and recreational activities as in the opinion of the controlling board do not interfere with the prime purpose of the building or grounds.

2. Where the citizens of any community are organized into a nonpartisan, nonsectarian, nonexclusive association for the presentation and discussion of public questions, the school board or other body having charge of the schoolhouses or other public properties which are capable of being used as meeting places for such organization, when not being used for their prime purpose, shall provide, free of charge, light, heat and janitor service, where necessary, and shall make such other provisions as may be necessary for the free and convenient use of such building or grounds, by such organization for weekly, bi-weekly or monthly gatherings at such times as the citizens' organization shall request or designate.

3. The school board or other board having charge of the schoolhouses or other public properties, may provide for the free and gratuitous use of the schoolhouses or other public properties under their charge for such other civic, social and recreational activities, as in their opinion do not interfere with the prime use of the buildings or properties.

4. The person or persons making application for the use of a schoolhouse or other public property for public meetings, shall be responsible for all damage to the property occurring at such meetings, ordinary wear and tear excepted, and upon failure of the responsible person or persons to respond in damages for any such injury to the property, the school board or other board in charge of the schoolhouse or other public property, may refuse all future applications for the wider use of the property until such injury is repaired, without expense to the board in charge of the property.

SECTION 2. All acts and parts of acts conflicting with any provisions of this act are repealed in so far as they are inconsistent therewith.

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

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### CHAPTER 515.

AN ACT providing for a half holiday on the day of holding the annual municipal election in cities of the first class.

*The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. 1. In every city of the first class, the day on which any primary, regular, municipal or general election shall be held in each year is a legal holiday, after twelve o'clock M., and no employer of labor shall ask or require any employe to do any manner of labor or work on any such half holiday, except only works of necessity or charity.

2. Any person who shall violate any provision of this act shall be punished by a fine of not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

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

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### CHAPTER 516.

AN ACT to create subsection 2m, of section 1038, of the statutes, providing for the exemption from taxation of county, town, city, village and school bonds.

*The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. There is added to section 1038 of the statutes a new subsection to read: (Section 1038) 2m. Any and all bonds issued by any county, town, city, village, school district or board of school directors of any town organized under the township system of school government in this state, shall hereafter be exempt from taxation.

SECTION 2. All acts and parts of acts conflicting with any provisions of this act are repealed in so far as they are inconsistent therewith.

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

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