

the provisions of this act are repealed in so far as they are inconsistent therewith.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon September 1, 1917.
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CHAPTER 180

AN ACT to amend section 9 of chapter 397, laws of 1903, as amended by chapter 286, laws of 1905, relating to a pension fund for members of the police departments in cities of the first class.

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

SECTION 1. Section 9 of chapter 397, laws of 1903, as amended by chapter 286, laws of 1905, is amended to read: (Ch. 286, laws of 1905) Section 9. If any member of such police department shall, while in the performance of his duty, be killed or die as the result of an injury received in the line of his duty, as described in the preceding section, or if any member of such department, after fifteen years' service in such department, shall die from any cause whatever while in the service, or if any member shall die from any cause whatever after having been retired upon a pension under the provisions of this act, and shall leave a widow or minor child or children under the age of eighteen years surviving, the said board shall direct the payment from said pension fund of the following sum monthly, to wit: to the widow of the chief of police, sixty dollars; to the widows of inspectors, fifty-five dollars; to the widows of captains and assistant superintendent of police alarm, fifty dollars; to the widows of lieutenants, detectives, secretary and * * * *assistant secretary*, forty-five dollars; to the widows of sergeants, forty dollars; to the widows of patrolmen and * * * *operators*, thirty-five dollars; to the guardian of such minor child or children, six dollars for each child until it reaches the age of eighteen years; and in case of the remarriage or death of the widow then the amount that she may be entitled to by the provisions of this act, shall be paid to and for the benefit of such minor child or children of the deceased father as are under the age of eighteen years; provided, however, that there shall not be paid to the family of a deceased member a total pension exceeding one-half the amount of the monthly salary of such deceased member at the time of his death, or if a retired member, a sum exceeding one-half of the monthly salary of such retired member at the date of his retirement; provided, further, that if a pensioner shall marry after his re-

tirement from service and shall thereafter die, leaving a widow, such widow shall not be entitled to any relief or pension from such fund. If at any time there shall not be sufficient money in such pension fund to pay each person entitled to the benefits thereof the full amount per month as hereinbefore provided, then in that event an equal percentage of such monthly payments shall be made to each pensioner or beneficiary thereof until the said fund shall be replenished to warrant the payment in full to each of such beneficiaries.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 181

AN ACT to amend sections 899, 902 and 903 of the statutes, relating to condemnation proceedings in villages.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 899, 902 and 903 are amended to read:
 Section 899. Under the direction of such magistrate the jury shall view the lands to be taken, and shall then sit before him to hear such competent evidence as shall be produced by any party, and for such purpose such magistrate shall possess the same powers as a court in session with a jury, and if there be necessity may adjourn the sitting from * * * time to * * * time. The jury shall render a separate unanimous verdict in writing signed by them, in which they shall find as to each separately described parcel of land, whether it be necessary to take * * * the same or any part thereof, * * * and as to each such parcel of land or part thereof found to be necessary, a verdict or appraisalment of damages and benefits, specifying therein * * * (1) Damages consisting of the value of the land taken; (2) Damages, if any, to the adjoining property of the same owner; (3) Total damages; (4) Benefits, if any, to the adjoining property of the same owner by reason of the improvement; (5) The excess, if any, of the total damages over the benefits; (6) The excess, if any, of the benefits over the total damages; * * * a majority of such jury may render such verdict or appraisalment of damages and shall sign the same. Any technical error in such verdict may be immediately corrected with the assent of the jury and they shall be thereupon discharged and their verdict filed by the magistrate. In case the