

tificate or certificates of indebtedness, an order on the county treasurer for the amount levied for such certificate or certificates, and the treasurer shall pay the same out of the general fund of said county.

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

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### CHAPTER 190

AN ACT to create section 959—140 of the statutes, to authorize cities to reimburse persons who are obliged to incur expense in defending or maintaining their official acts or positions.

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

SECTION 1. A new section is added to the statutes to read: Section 959—140. Whenever, heretofore since January 1, 1910, or hereafter in any city, however incorporated, any public official in his official capacity has been or is sued, or is obliged to sue, or has been or is proceeded against or obliged to proceed, before any court, board or commission, either to defend or maintain his official position, or because of some act arising out of the performance of his official duties, and he has prevailed in such suit, action or proceeding, or the common council of such city has ordered a dismissal or discontinuance of such suit, action or proceeding, the common council of such city may authorize and provide for the payment to such person or persons of such sum or sums as such common council sees fit, to reimburse such person or persons for the expenses reasonably incurred for costs and attorney's fees, in prosecuting or defending such suit, action or proceeding.

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

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### CHAPTER 191

AN ACT to amend sections 959x—1, 959x—2, 959x—3, 959x—4 and 959x—5 of the statutes, relating to utility districts in villages and cities of the fourth class.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 959x—1, 959x—2, 959x—3, 959x—4 and 959x—5 of the statutes are amended to read: Section 959x—1.