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CHAPTER 296

AN ACT to repeal section 9a of chapter 165 of the laws of 1903, as created by chapter 500 of the laws of 1911, relating to recovery from the fire pension fund 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 Section 9a of chapter 165 of the laws of 1903, as created by chapter 500 of the laws of 1911, is repealed.

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

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CHAPTER 297

AN ACT to create section 926—32 of the statutes, relating to central purchasing in the cities of the first class.

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 926—32. 1. In all cities of the first class, whether incorporated under special charter or under general law, there is hereby created a Central Board of Purchases.

- 2. This board shall be composed of the mayor, two aldermen to be selected by the common council, the commissioner of public works, the responsible administrative official of each of the following boards and commissions to be designated by the board or commission which he represents; the sewerage commission, the board of school directors, the public library board, the public museum board, the board of park commissioners and the officers, boards and commissions corresponding thereto.
- 3. Each member shall have one vote, the mayor shall be chairman of the board and shall call all meetings. If the mayor shall fail to call a meeting of the board on the written request of any member of the board, a majority of the membership may call a meeting. Five members shall constitute a quorum.
- 4. The central board of purchases shall organize a department of purchases and they shall appoint and remove, fix the duties, and except as hereinafter provided, determine the fitness and salaries of such employes as shall be necessary to administer the affairs of the department of purchases. Provided that all employes whose duties are solely clerical in character shall be subject to civil service rules, and if the common council of such