

collect a sum not to exceed actual cost for any such investigational or demonstrational work done on any parcel or tract of land; and (f) to do any or all things necessary for the furtherance of the purposes of this section.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 659

AN ACT to renumber section 1164a of the statutes to be subsection 1 of said section, to renumber section 1210b to be subsection 1 of said section, to create subsection 2 of section 1164a and subsection 2 of section 1210b of the statutes, to amend section 1087—45 of the statutes, relating to actions to avoid or set aside tax assessments and to reassessments thereunder or in connection therewith, and appeals to review local assessments, and to amend section 1210b of the statutes.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1164a of the statutes is renumbered to be subsection 1 of said section, and section 1210b of the statutes is renumbered to be subsection 1 of said section.

SECTION 2. A new subsection is added to section 1164a and a new subsection is added to section 1210b of the statutes to read: (Section 1164a) 2. If however, in any such action now pending or which may be begun hereafter the evidence enables the court to determine, with reasonable certainty, the amount of taxes which were justly chargeable against the lands involved in the action, the court, in its discretion, may proceed to judgment without staying proceedings or ordering a reassessment, if it finds that it is for the best interests of all parties to the action that it should do so.

(Section 1210b) 2. If however, in any such action now pending or which may be begun hereafter the evidence enables the court to determine, with reasonable certainty, the amount of taxes which were justly chargeable against the lands involved in the action, the court, in its discretion, may proceed to judgment without staying proceedings or ordering a reassessment, if it finds that it is for the best interests of all parties to the action that it should do so.

SECTION 3. Section 1087—45 of the statutes is amended by striking out the words "from investigation made on its own

motion or", where they appear in the second line of said section, and by adding after the word "made" in the third line of said section the following: "by the owner or owners of property in any assessment district, the aggregate assessed valuation of which is not less than ten per cent of the assessed valuation of all of the property in such district, according to assessment next hereinafter mentioned"; and by changing the word "any" in the fourth line of said section to "such";

SECTION 4. Section 1210b of the statutes is amended by adding after the word "proceeding" in the third line thereof the words "or reassessment made under the provisions of sections 1087—45 to section 1087—57, inclusive of the statutes;" and by adding after the word "district" in line 13 the words "or by such person as the said court may appoint."

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 660

AN ACT to amend section 1753—21 of the statutes, relating to fees payable upon the issuance of certificates of authority to issue securities of public service corporations.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1753—21 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 1753—21. Before the issuance of the certificate in sections 1753—1 to 1753—22, inclusive, provided, authorizing any public service corporation to issue bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness, for purposes properly chargeable to its capital account, such corporation shall pay to the commission the following fees: One dollar for each thousand dollars of the face value of the bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness authorized to be issued up to one hundred thousand dollars; fifty cents per thousand dollars for each additional thousand dollars up to five hundred thousand dollars; and for each additional thousand dollars, ten cents. Provided, that no fee shall be required when such issue is made for the purpose of guaranteeing, taking over, refunding, discharging, or retiring any bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness *payable at periods of more than one year after the date thereof*. Such fees, when collected, shall be paid into the common school fund income.