

## CHAPTER 300.

[Published March 18, 1874.]

AN ACT to amend chapter fifty-eight of the private and local laws of 1869, entitled "an act to revise, consolidate and amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of La Crosse," approved March 14, 1856, and the several acts amendatory thereof.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section two (2) of chapter two (2) of chapter fifty-eight (58) of the private and local laws of 1869 is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Sec. 2 of chap. 2, of chap. 58, private and local laws of 1869 amended.

"Section 2. The elective officers of said city shall be a mayor, clerk, treasurer, a justice of the peace who shall be ex-officio police justice, a city attorney and assessor for the city at large, and three aldermen, one justice of the peace and one constable for each ward, and there shall be elected at the first election under this act, and at every annual election thereafter, a mayor, clerk, treasurer, attorney and assessor for the city at large, who shall hold their respective offices for one year; and one alderman for each ward who shall hold his office for three years, and one constable for each ward who shall hold his office for one year; and there shall also be elected at the election under this act to be held on the first Tuesday of April, A. D. 1874, and biennially thereafter, a justice of the peace for the city at large, who shall be ex-officio police justice of the city of La Crosse, and one justice of the peace from each ward who shall hold their respective offices for two years, and until their successors in office shall be elected and qualified. The mayor and aldermen shall be denominated the common council. All other officers necessary for the proper management of the affairs of said city shall be appointed by the common council. All elective officers except aldermen, justices of the peace for the city at large and ex-officio police justice, and justices of the peace for the several wards, shall hold their respective offices for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified: *provided, however*, the common council shall have power, for due cause, to expel any of their own number, and to remove from office any officer or agent under the city government except justices of the peace, due notice being first given to the officer complained of."

Elective officers

When to be elected.

Terms of office.

When justices of the peace to be elected.

Common council, of whom composed.

Terms of office, of certain officers.

Proviso.

Sec. 1 of chap. 3 amended.	SECTION 2. Section one (1) of chapter three (3) of said act, is hereby amended, so as to read as follows:
Qualifications of officers.	"Section one (1.) The mayor and aldermen must be freeholders within the city limits, and each alderman
Where to reside	must reside within the ward for which he is elected, and all other officers must be residents of the wards for which they are elected; and every person elected or appointed to fill any office under this act shall, before he enters upon the duties of his office, take and
To take oath and file same.	subscribe to an oath of office, and file the same, duly certified by the officer taking the same, with the city clerk; and the treasurer, chief of police, constable, justice of the peace for the city at large, and justices of the
What officers to execute bonds.	peace for the several wards, and such other officers as the common council may direct, shall severally, before they enter upon the duties of their respective offices, execute to the city of La Crosse, a bond in such sum, and with such security and such conditions as the
Common council may require new and additional bonds.	common council may direct; and the common council may, from time to time, require new and additional bonds, and remove from office any officer refusing or neglecting to give the same. The justice of the
Jurisdiction of justice of the peace at large	peace for the city at large, elected under this act, shall have the same jurisdiction and powers, perform all the duties of a justice of the peace in civil and
Term of office.	criminal actions and proceedings within the county of La Crosse, as provided by the general laws of this state, and shall, by virtue of his office, be police
Jurisdiction of justices of the peace for the several wards.	justice of the city of La Crosse, and shall have the same jurisdiction, and perform all the duties of police justice of the city of La Crosse, and shall hold his office for the same time, and shall receive the same fees and emoluments prescribed and provided by the
Bonds by whom approved.	charter and ordinances of said city. The justice of the peace for the several wards, elected under this act, shall have the same jurisdiction and perform all the duties of justices of the peace in civil actions and proceedings as provided by the general laws of this state, and no other. The official bond of the justice elected under this act
Where justices may hold office.	shall be approved by the common council, and a certified copy of their bonds and oaths of office, certified by the city clerk, shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court for La Crosse county within the time required by law, and shall have the same effect as though the original bond and oath of office had been so filed. Any justice of the peace may hold his office at any place within the city limits, not forbidden by the general laws of this state.

SECTION 3. No process or warrant or other official paper or proceeding shall be held invalid when issued or signed by the justice of the peace for the city at large, or police justice, by reason of the addition or omission of the words, "police" or "of the peace," to the signature of such officer, and it shall be deemed sufficient in all courts and places and proceedings, if said officer shall add the word "justice" after his signature, without any prefix or the addition of any other word.

When process not to be held invalid.

SECTION 4. No action or proceeding shall be commenced or maintained by any judgment debtor, or any person claiming under him, or by any defendant in a criminal proceeding to recover any damages, money or property by reason of any judgment, process, order or proceeding heretofore rendered or issued by the police justice of the city of La Crosse, or for or by reason of any act or proceeding of any officer or person under any such judgment, process, order or proceeding, unless the same shall be commenced within three months after the passage of this act; and no judgment rendered by said police justice shall be held void or invalid for any reason, where process has been duly or legally served, or the defendant has appeared, unless an appeal shall be taken within the time prescribed by law, or an action or proceeding shall be brought to set aside such judgment, or to test its validity, within three months after the passage of this act.

When proceedings to be commenced.

When judgment shall not be held void.

SECTION 5. All acts or parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act, or for the purposes of this act, are hereby repealed: *provided*, that the provisions of this section shall not be construed so as to create a vacancy in the office of police justice of the city of La Crosse.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 12, 1874.

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## CHAPTER 301.

[*Published March 24, 1874.*]

AN ACT to legalize the acts of the supervisors of the towns of Eden and Osceola, in the county of Fond du Lac, in laying out a town line road between said towns.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. The acts of the supervisors of the

Legalizing acts of supervisors.