

annually thereafter. The secretary of state shall prepare and lay before said board the latest statistics of population, local valuation of property, and such other statistical information as he may be able to obtain in relation to the several counties in the state, which in his judgment, will assist said board in its deliberations. The board shall carefully examine said statistics; and from all the sources of information accessible to it, it shall determine and assess the relative value of all property subject to taxation in each county. It shall set down in a list all the counties, opposite to the name of each county, the valuation, thereof so determined by it, which shall be the full value according to its best judgment. The list so prepared shall be certified by the chairman and secretary of said board, as the state assessment made by said board, and delivered with the journal of the proceedings of the board to the secretary of the state.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage and publication.

Approved February 28, 1879.

[No. 165, A.]

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CHAPTER 125.

AN ACT to confer certain powers upon the cities and incorporated villages of the state of Wisconsin in respect to the use of their streets and alleys.

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

SECTION 1. The common council of every city and the board of trustees of every incorporated village in the state of Wisconsin are hereby authorized to permit, subject to such rules and regulations as they may prescribe, and such conditions as they may impose, the laying of pipes, in the streets and alleys of their respective cities and villages, and the maintenance and use of such pipes for the purposes of conveying water, steam, or either, under the surface of such streets and alleys.

Powers of common council and boards of trustees.

SECTION 2. In all cases where any city or incorporated village in this state has already permitted the laying of such pipes in its streets or alleys, or either, such permission is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Previous action ratified.

All charters amended.

SECTION 3. This act shall be construed to be an amendment of every city charter of the state of Wisconsin wherein the authority herein given is not already contained: *provided always*, that nothing in this act contained shall be construed as to affect the franchise or vested rights of any water company in this state.

Repealed.

SECTION 4. All acts or parts of acts containing the provisions of this act, in so far as they conflict with the same, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved February 28, 1879.

[No. 185, A.]

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CHAPTER 126.

AN ACT to amend section one thousand three hundred and nineteen of the revised statutes, relating to erecting and repairing bridges.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Strike out from the sixth and seventh lines of said section the words, "or when such board shall think a bridge in any town," and insert in lieu thereof the words, "or when it shall be made to appear that a bridge in any town is;" also, strike out the word "may," where it occurs in the ninth line of said section, and insert in lieu thereof the word "shall," so that said section when so amended will read as follows:

County tax authorized.

Section 1319. Whenever it shall appear to the county board that any one of the towns in its county would be required to raise an amount equal to more than one-tenth of one per centum of all the taxable property in such town according to the last equalized valuation, for the purpose of erecting or repairing any bridge or bridges upon the principally traveled highway of such town; or when it shall be made to appear that a bridge in any town is necessary for the use and convenience of the adjoining towns, rather than the town in which it shall be situated, it shall cause such sum to be levied upon the taxable property of the county as will be sufficient to defray the expense of erecting or repairing the same, or such part of such expense as it may deem proper; such money, when collected

Authority of county board.