

[No. 237, A.]

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## CHAPTER 244.

AN ACT to amend section twenty-nine of chapter five of the revised statutes, relating to general election.

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

SECTION 1. Section twenty-nine of chapter five of the revised statutes of 1878, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 29. The polls of the election held on the Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday in November, shall be opened at nine o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as may be, and shall be closed at sundown. The inspectors shall cause public proclamation to be made of the opening and closing of the polls. The common council of any city may, by resolution adopted and published in some newspaper in the city at least ten days before election, fix an earlier hour for the opening of the polls in said city, not earlier than sunrise.

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

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## CHAPTER 245.

AN ACT relating to the building of bridges by villages situated upon opposite sides of a river or other body of water in this state, and authorizing villages to borrow money for the purpose of building, purchasing or leasing bridges, and making section one thousand three hundred and twenty-two of the revised statutes, applicable to the purposes and objects of this act.

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

SECTION 1. Any two villages situated on opposite sides of a river or other body of water within this state are hereby authorized and empowered jointly to build a bridge or bridges across said river or other body of water, or to purchase or lease from the owner or owners thereof, any bridge or bridges now or hereafter built across any such river or other body of water, and all appurtenances thereto belonging, together with any charter and privileges granted by this state for the erection and maintenance of such bridge or bridges, as well as such rights of way as may be needed in widening and extending such bridge, upon such terms as the

Certain villages may unite in leasing or building bridge

parties may agree upon. And when so purchased or leased, the said villages are authorized to maintain, repair, widen and extend said bridge or bridges, as the public good may demand.

Corporations may lease bridge to village.

SECTION 2. For the purpose of enabling said villages to make any such purchase or lease, the person or corporation owning such bridge or bridges is hereby authorized to sell and convey, or to lease the said bridge to said villages, upon such terms as may be agreed upon by the parties.

Rental not to exceed \$100 per annum.

SECTION 3. The amount to be paid by said villages as rent, under any lease made under this act, shall not exceed one hundred dollars per annum, nor shall the price for which the said villages may purchase the said bridge, exceed twenty thousand dollars.

Villages may borrow money.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of repairing, widening, extending or rebuilding any such bridge or bridges or any part thereof, each of said villages is hereby authorized to borrow a sum or sums of money not exceeding ten thousand dollars in all, for a period of not more than twenty years and at a rate of interest not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, the principal and interest to be paid at such times and places as may be agreed upon; and to secure the payment of the moneys so borrowed, each of said villages is authorized to issue its bonds with interest coupons attached in any proper form and pursuant to any agreement made and authorized by this act, provided that neither of said villages shall borrow any moneys for the purposes aforesaid unless the other shall also borrow its proportion of the moneys to be raised for the aforesaid purpose.

Tax levy to pay indebtedness.

SECTION 5. To provide for the payment of indebtedness incurred for moneys borrowed under this act, each of said villages shall annually levy a tax upon all the taxable property therein, sufficient to pay the principal and interest on its bonds issued by virtue of this act, as the same shall become due and payable, and all such taxes shall be levied and collected at the same time and in the same manner as other taxes are levied and collected in said villages respectively.

Proportion to be paid by each village.

SECTION 6. The proportion which each of said villages shall pay of the amounts expended, or to be expended, for the leasing or purchasing of said bridge or bridges, or for any other purpose, authorized by this act, shall be such as may be agreed upon by the presidents and trustees, of both of said villages, or by such other officers as may from time to time be lawfully authorized to exercise the corporate powers of said vil-

lages respectively, and all power and authority which by this act is conferred upon either of said villages, may be exercised by the officers aforesaid.

SECTION 7. No bonds shall be issued nor shall any tax be levied under this act by either of said villages, unless the question of levying such tax or issuing such bonds shall have been submitted and adopted in the same manner and upon the same notice as is required by section one thousand three hundred and twenty-one of the revised statutes, for the cases therein referred to.

Questions to be submitted to a vote of electors.

SECTION 8. Section one thousand three hundred and twenty-two of the revised statutes, is hereby made applicable to the purposes and objects of this act.

Law to apply.

SECTION 9. This act shall apply to each and every village in this state, situated as mentioned in the first section of this act, whether such village be incorporated under the revised statutes or under special act, and the charter of every such village incorporated by special act, is hereby amended accordingly.

General act.

SECTION 10. This act shall be construed liberally and favorably to the purposes and objects of the same, and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

To be construed liberally

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## CHAPTER 246.

AN ACT relating to the northwestern mutual relief association, and amendatory of section one of chapter two hundred and four of the laws of 1879.

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

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter two hundred and four of the general laws of 1879, is hereby amended by inserting the following words between the word "church" and the word "and," the words "the northwestern mutual relief association;" also amend said section by striking out the word "such," where it occurs in the twenty-second line of said section, and insert in lieu thereof, the word "said," so that said section when so amended, will read as follows: Section 1. The secret, beneficiary, charitable and benevolent orders of Free Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Knights of Honor, The Ancient Order of United Workmen, Royal Arcanum, Independent Order Mutual Aid, Sons of Hermann, Druids, Harugari,

Insurance laws not to apply to societies heretofore enumerated.