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CHAPTER 123.

AN ACT to amend section 925—14 of the statutes of 1898, as amended by chapter 36 of the laws of 1901, in relation to the change of ward lines in cities of the second, third and fourth classes.

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

Ward boundaries, how changed. SECTION 1. Section 925—14 of the statutes of 1898, as amended by chapter 36 of the laws of 1901, is hereby amended as to cities of the second, third and fourth classes so that the same shall read as follows: Section 925—14.* *An ordinance fixing the number and boundaries of the wards of any city of the second, third or fourth class organized under the provisions of chapter 40a of the statutes of 1898 as amended, may be introduced at any regular meeting of the common council. The question of the adoption of such ordinance shall by a majority vote of the members of the common council elect, be submitted to the electors of such city at the next regular municipal election. The city clerk shall publish a notice that said ordinance shall be so submitted at the same time and in the same manner that notice of said municipal election shall be published, and such notice shall set forth the proposed ordinance at length. He shall also prepare ballots to be used by the electors in voting on said proposed ordinance, which shall intelligently express the voter's intention and which shall be substantially in the following forms:*

For adoption of ward ordinance.

Against adoption of ward ordinance.

If a majority of the votes cast are in favor of the adoption of such proposed ordinance the common council shall forthwith thereafter at a regular meeting take action on such proposed ordinance and may by at least a majority vote of those present adopt the same; and when the boundaries of any wards are fixed by any ordinance the number of wards and boundaries thereof, or of any of said wards shall not be again changed for

*The part of the section printed in italics is rewritten.

a period of two years except by adding thereto such territory as may at any time be added to the city limits; provided further, that the territory of the wards shall be contiguous and compact and that no ward have a population of less than fifteen hundred in cities of the second class, or less than one thousand in cities of the third class, or less than five hundred in cities of the fourth class. In redistricting such cities the original numbers of the wards and their geographical outlines shall as far as practicable be retained and the wards so created and those the boundaries of which are changed shall be in as compact form as practicable. Whenever the number of wards in any such city shall be changed in the manner aforesaid, and a new ward or wards created, such ward or wards shall have the same number of aldermen, supervisors and ward officers as other wards in such city, and shall be in all respects subject to the provisions of the charter of such city. Any alderman or ward officer holding office and who shall reside in any such territory at the time it shall be declared a ward, shall continue in such office for the term for which he was elected and until his successor is elected and qualified, and shall be an officer of the ward so created. The inspectors of election and ballot clerks appointed for any such district shall continue to act in their several capacities when such district is constituted a ward, until removed or their successors are appointed. In all other cases where a new ward is so created or old wards consolidated, and the creation or consolidation shall cause vacancies in the offices to which any ward, by reason of the formation, is entitled, the common council shall forthwith order in the manner provided by the charter of such city, a special election to fill all such vacancies as are by the charter of such city elective. * * *

All other vacancies shall be filled in the manner provided by the charter of such city. The common council shall in ordering such election fix the term for which the officer shall be elected.

To what cities to apply. SECTION 2. Said section 925—14, as amended by said chapter 36 shall continue in full force in its present form as to cities of the first class, but as to cities of the second, third and fourth class is hereby repealed so far as it conflicts herewith.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 29, 1905.