

port pursuant to law. It shall be the duty of the district attorney so notified to attend all such examinations.

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

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CHAPTER 286.

AN ACT to amend section 2, section 9 and section 10 of chapter 397 of the laws of 1903, relating to a pension fund for members of the police departments in cities of the first class.

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

Monthly payments and rewards. SECTION 1. Section 2 of chapter 397 of the laws of 1903 is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 2. There shall also be paid into such fund by the members of such department at the time this act takes effect and by all members subsequently acquired the following sums, monthly, to-wit: *two and one-half per cent. of their monthly salary*; also all fines imposed on members for violation of the rules of the department; also all moneys deducted for the time lost by members on account of sickness, and one-half of all moneys received by the city from dog licenses. There shall also be paid and applied to said fund all rewards received and earned by members of such department and all moneys received from sales of unclaimed property.

Pensions to widows or minor children. SECTION 2. Section 9 of chapter 397 of the laws of 1903 is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 9. If any member of such police department shall, while in the performance of his duty, be killed or die as the result of an injury received in the line of his duty, as described in the preceding section, or if any member of such department, after fifteen years' service in such department, shall die from any cause whatever while in the service, or if any

member shall die from any cause whatever after having been retired upon a pension under the provisions of this act, and shall leave a widow or minor child or children under the age of *eighteen* years surviving, the said board shall direct the payment from said pension fund of the following sum; monthly, to-wit: to the widow of the chief of police, sixty dollars; to the widows of inspectors, fifty-five dollars; to the widows of captains and assistant superintendent of police alarm, fifty dollars; to the widows of lieutenants, detectives, secretary and battery-man, forty-five dollars; to the widows of sergeants, forty dollars; to the widows of patrolmen and linemen, thirty-five dollars; to the guardian of such minor child or children, six dollars for each child until it reaches the age of *eighteen* years; *and in case of the remarriage or death of the widow then the amount that she may be entitled to by the provisions of this act, shall be paid to and for the benefit of such minor child or children of the deceased father as are under the age of eighteen years*; provided, however, that there shall not be paid to the family of a deceased member a total pension exceeding one-half the amount of the monthly salary of such deceased member at the time of his death, or if a retired member, a sum exceeding one-half of the monthly salary of such retired member at the date of his retirement; provided, further, that if a pensioner shall marry after his retirement from service and shall thereafter die, leaving a widow, such widow shall not be entitled to any relief or pension from such fund. If at any time there shall not be sufficient money in such pension fund to pay each person entitled to the benefits thereof the full amount per month as hereinbefore provided, then in that event an equal percentage of such monthly payments shall be made to each pensioner or beneficiary thereof until the said fund shall be replenished to warrant the payment in full to each of such beneficiaries.

After service of twenty-two years, members may be retired on half pay. SECTION 3. Section 10 of chapter 397 of the laws of 1903 is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 10. Any member of the police department of any such city after having served twenty-two years or more in such department, may make application to said board to be retired from such department, or he may be retired by the said board of its own motion; in either of which case the said board shall order and direct that such member shall be paid a monthly pension of a sum equal to one-half of the monthly compensation allowed such member as salary at the date of his retirement. The said

board, upon the recommendation of the chief of police, shall have the power to assign any member retired or drawing pension to the performance of light duties in such department where in their judgment it shall be advisable. No person shall be entitled to receive any benefit from any such pension fund other than that prescribed by this act, and in no event shall any allowance be paid to any widow after her remarriage or to any minor child after it attains the age of *eighteen* years.

Conflicting laws repealed. SECTION 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

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

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CHAPTER 287.

AN ACT to amend section 80 of the statutes of 1898 relating to defective ballots and providing for the preservation of all ballots after being counted by the inspectors.

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

Preservation of ballots by inspectors; county clerk to destroy after sixty days; opening of ballots in case of contest. SECTION 1. Section 80 of the revised statutes of 1898 is hereby amended by striking out the words "forthwith to the proper town, city, or village clerk to be preserved in his office," where the same occurs in lines 9 and 10 of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "as hereinafter provided;" and further by striking out all of that part of said section 80 after the word "itself" in the 14th line of said section, and inserting the following: "Before separating, the inspectors shall fold in two folds, and string closely upon a single piece of flexible wire, all ballots which have been counted by them, except those marked "objected to," unite the ends of such wire in a firm knot, seal the knot in such manner that it cannot be untied with-