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CHAPTER 145.

AN ACT to legalize the action of any city of the fourth class in the purchase of certain public utilities and the issue of bonds therefor.

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

SECTION 1. [Section 943t by chapter 676.]

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

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CHAPTER 146.

AN ACT to create section 1947o of the statutes, prohibiting the writing of participating and non-participating business by the same life insurance company.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes a new section to read:

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(In effect July 1, 1907.)

Popular initiative required for election on bonding.

7. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the issuing of bonds by any city of this state for street improvements, school purposes, water works, *electric light works*, *gas works*, *hospitals*, sewerage, parks and public grounds, unless within thirty days after the passage by the common council of the city of a resolution or ordinance authorizing the issuing of bonds for such purposes there shall be filed in the office of the city clerk a petition in writing signed by not less than ten per cent. in number of the voters who voted in said city at the last general state election, asking for a submission of the question of issuing such bonds to a vote of the people, in which case such question shall be submitted as provided for in this section; and, in case the common council of any city has heretofore, by resolution or ordinance, authorized the issuing of any bonds for said purposes, the electors of such city shall have thirty days within which to file such petition after the passage and publication of this act. * * *

Finding or refunding an exception. 8. This * * * section shall not apply to the issuing of bonds for the funding or refunding of existing indebtedness or liability under chapter 228 of the laws of 1903, or of chapter 277 of the laws of 1903, or any acts amendatory of either.

(Ch. 208, 1907.)

City buildings for different purposes; single bonding vote legalized. SECTION 943g. 1. When any bonds heretofore issued by any city under sections 926—11 and 943 of the statutes and acts amendatory thereof, for the purchase of a site and the construction of a building for two or more separate purposes as set forth in section 926—11 of the statutes, the proposition of their issue for such purpose having been submitted to the people of such municipality and adopted by a majority voting thereon, are hereby declared to be valid, legal and binding in the same manner as if the proposition for their issue had been voted on separately.

(Ch. 443, 1907.)

Cities, 4th class: legalizing purchase of franchises. SECTION 943t. If any incorporated village (subsequently incorporated as a city of the fourth class) have granted any franchise to construct and operate any waterworks, electric light-

ing, gas or street railway system and reserved therein to itself the option to purchase the same; and such city have exercised such option and proceeded to issue bonds for such purpose upon a two thirds vote of the electors in favor of such bond issue; and no action or proceeding to contest the validity of anything so done by such city in that behalf having been commenced; any such purchase and any such bonds are legal and valid, notwithstanding any failure on the part of such city to comply with any statutory requirement at the time existing.

(Ch. 145, 1907.) Made "Sec. 943t" by Sec. 7, Ch. 676, 1907.

Cities may lay tracks on bridges and viaducts. SECTION 959—30l. All cities are authorized and empowered to lay and maintain tracks for street railways upon and along bridges and viaducts within such cities.

(Ch. 517, 1907.)

Lease of such tracks to companies. SECTION 959—30m. Whenever any city of the state shall have caused to be laid and maintained tracks for street railways upon and along any bridge or viaduct within such city, such city may, through its common council, by ordinance lease such tracks to any street railway company authorized to operate street railways in such city, upon such terms as such common council may deem proper and expedient.

(Ch. 517, 1907.)

But no exclusive franchise. SECTION 959—30n. Such common council is prohibited from granting an exclusive franchise for the use of such tracks to a single street railway company, and is prohibited from granting an exclusive franchise to any single street railway company upon any street or streets running toward such bridge or viaduct as to prevent any other street railway company or companies from approaching and operating upon and along such tracks upon such bridge or viaduct.

(Ch. 517, 1907.)

Building lines: all cities may establish; engineer's plat. SECTION 959—35m. Whenever the common council of any city * * * shall by resolution decide that the establishment of building lines or the taking of the owner's right to build on any