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CHAPTER 239.

AN ACT to add subdivision 15 to section 776, statutes of 1898, relating to powers of town meeting.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to section 776, statutes of 1898, a new subdivision to read:

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Approved June 19, 1907.

(In effect July 1, 1907.)

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CHAPTER 240.

AN ACT to amend section 1244 of the statutes, relating to additional tax levy for road purposes.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1244 of the statutes, is amended to read:

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(In effect July 1, 1907.)

Supervisor of assessments: per diem and number of days service per year. SECTION 7721. The provisions of this act fixing the maximum and minimum rate of compensation to be paid to the supervisors of assessment * * * shall apply to all such officers who have been or who shall be elected or appointed for the term commencing the first Monday in January, 1905, or for any portion of said term. If any county board shall have fixed the rate of such compensation for said term at less than three dollars per day, * * * such board may re-determine such rate for said term at not less than three nor more than four dollars per day, at any annual or special meeting but until the rate shall be so re-determined in the cases aforesaid, the rate of the compensation of the supervisor of assessment during said term shall be three dollars per day. * * * The power herein given to the county boards to limit the period for which the supervisor of assessment shall receive compensation may be exercised at the annual meeting to be held in November, 1905, in respect to the remainder of the said term commencing in January, 1905, but not as to the first year of said term.

(Ch. 510, 1907.)

Village powers conferred upon towns. [SECTION 776.] 13. All powers relating to villages which are conferred upon village boards by the provisions of chapter 40 of the statutes and the provisions of chapter 143 of the laws of 1901 and all acts amendatory thereof, excepting those the exercise of which would conflict with the statutes relating to towns and town boards, are conferred upon towns which contain one or more unincorporated villages having each a population of not less than one thousand, and may be exercised by the board of such town when directed by a resolution of the electors thereof, at an annual town meeting.

(Ch. 32, 1907.)

Town meetings: lands costly of access, power to buy; negotiable bonds therefor. [SECTION 776.] 15. To authorize the purchase of any lands within such town lying in such a position that the cost to the town of constructing and maintaining roads, bridges and other means of access thereto shall in the near future exceed the purchase price of such lands; and to provide how the money necessary for such purchase shall be raised, and to authorize the town board to issue bonds or obligations of such town in an amount not exceeding such

purchase price, and to negotiate such bonds or obligations either directly in payment of such purchase price, or in raising money to make such payment.

(Ch. 239, 1907.)

Powers of town meetings. [*Section 776.*] 16. To vote to apply to the county board to designate for improvement any road or bridge in the town.

17. To vote to levy a tax during one or more successive years, in addition to any other tax authorized by law for the county road and bridge fund, at the same rate as that fixed by the county board for the county tax for such fund, the aggregate of such levies to equal one-half the cost of any such improvement in any such town.

(Ch. 352, 1907. Numbered "Sec. 776, 16 and 17" by Sec. 17, Ch. 676, 1907.)

Town water and light commissions: vote requisite to establish; petition and notice for. SECTION 776m. 1. Any town owning and operating lighting and water plants or either of them may establish a water and light commission. The question of establishing such commission shall be submitted to the voters of the town at any annual or duly called special town meeting upon a petition in writing therefor signed by at least twenty-five qualified voters of such town requesting that such question be submitted to the voters of the town. The petition shall be filed with the town clerk at least three weeks nor more than four weeks previous to the holding of any annual or special town meeting at which such question is to be submitted. Notice of the submission of such question shall be given in a manner provided for giving notice of a special town meeting.

Ballot: form; canvass. 2. Any qualified voter of the town may vote "For a commission" or "Against a commission" on a separate printed ballot, to be deposited in a box used only for such ballots, and the votes cast upon this question shall be canvassed in the same manner as votes are canvassed for town officers.

Commissioners: number, term, disqualification, vacancies. 3. If a majority of the votes cast on this question are for a commission then there shall be elected at any adjourned