

SECTION 4. That part of section 170 of the statutes, relating to the state librarian, reading as follows:

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

Approved July 1, 1907.

No. 732. A.]

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CHAPTER 467.

AN ACT to create sections 926—101j to 926—101n, inclusive, of the statutes, authorizing cities to appoint public lighting commissioners.

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

SECTION 1. There are added to the statutes five new sections to read:

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CHAPTER 468.

AN ACT to create sections 2014—14l and 2014—14m, statutes of 1898, regulating the method of bookkeeping in building and loan associations.

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

SECTION 1. There are added to the statutes of 1898, two new sections to read:

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

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shall be given and the election shall be held and conducted by the inspectors and clerks of election in the same manner and the returns thereof shall be made in the same form and manner as in the case of general municipal elections.

(Ch. 531, 1907.)

**Cities of first class: aldermen's powers in condemnation proceedings.** SECTION 926—41. In cities organized under special charter wherein it is provided that for certain purposes, the signature and consent of two or more aldermen of a ward shall be obtained in proceedings for condemnation and in providing for other public improvements it shall be sufficient hereafter to obtain the signature and secure the consent of one local or ward alderman and the signature and consent of one alderman at large, which shall be a sufficient compliance with the law in this respect and the local committee may be abolished by ordinance.

(Ch. 652, 1907.)

**Cities of first class relative to laws of 1907.** SECTION 926—42. Any city of the first class organized under special charter may exercise the powers granted to cities under general laws of 1907 in the manner prescribed by such law and subject to the same limitations.

(Ch. 652, 1907.)

**City electric power: supply to parties beyond boundaries.** SECTION 926—101. Every city which owns and operates \* \* \* *a plant for the purpose of furnishing either electric light or power or both may supply either electric light or power or both* not only to such city and its inhabitants but also to dwellings or places of business outside the boundaries of such city by means of a line or lines of poles and wires extended outside of said boundaries.

(Ch. 327, 1907.)

**City lighting commissions; membership, term, etc.** SECTION 926—101j. The common council of any city owning and operating any electric light or electric light and power plant is authorized and empowered to create a board of five commissioners to be known as the public lighting commission of such city, who shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the common council.

This act shall become operative in any city on the passage of an ordinance adopting it by a two-thirds vote of the common council-elect. The first appointment of commissioners shall be made at the first meeting of the common council next following the adoption of such ordinance. Such first appointment shall be made for the term of one, two, three, four and five years, and the commissioners so appointed shall hold office for the term for which appointed, and until their successors are appointed and shall have qualified.

After the first appointment, the successors of said commissioner shall be appointed for the term of five years, one each year, except when appointment is made to fill a vacancy such appointment shall be for the unexpired portion of said term.

Said commissioners shall hold no lucrative offices or employment under the government of the United States, the state of Wisconsin, or the city in which appointed, or any political division thereof; and each commissioner shall, before entering upon the discharge of the duties of his office, within ten days after receiving notice of his appointment, take and subscribe the oath of office prescribed by the constitution of the state, and file the same duly certified by the officer administering it, with the city clerk; no salary or other compensation for his or their services, shall be paid to any such commissioner or commissioners.

(Ch. 467, 1907.)

**Commission: officers, powers, expenditures.** SECTION 926—101k. The said commissioners shall elect viva voce from among their number, a president and a secretary who shall perform the duties usually appertaining to such offices, and such other duties as may be prescribed by said board.

The commissioners shall have general supervision and management of all public lighting by electricity in such city, and the establishment of any plant for generating and supplying electricity for lighting and power purposes; and shall have full power and authority to select and purchase sites, and to make, prepare and adopt plans, designs and specifications for buildings, machinery, apparatus and appliances for the production of electric light and power in said city, and shall have full power to lay conduits, manholes, erect poles and lamps, and string wires, and do all other requisite and necessary things for the distribution of electricity for lighting and power purposes, when authorized by the common council.

Said commission shall recommend the purchase of all tools,

supplies and material required in the construction, operation, extension and management of said lighting and power plant, and upon certifying the same to the board of public works, shall let contracts for the same pursuant to the laws governing the letting of contracts now or hereafter in force in said city; provided, however, that the expenditures for the construction, operation, extension and management of said plant and fixtures shall not exceed in any one year the sum realized from the sale of bonds issued by the common council for the construction and extension of said plant, nor any other appropriation made by the common council, in the annual budget or otherwise, for said purpose.

(Ch. 467, 1907.)

**City officers to aid; electrician and other appointees; by-laws and accounting.** SECTION 926—1011. The said board of commissioners are authorized and empowered to call upon the city engineer for any service that they may require, in making maps, plats and diagrams of locations of lights, wires, poles and conduits within the city limits; and the city clerk or any other city department shall, upon application of said board, furnish such information as may be required for the discharge of their duties.

Said commission is hereby empowered to employ an electrical engineer, who shall be known as the city electrician, and such superintendents, steam or other engineers, clerks, agents, and employes, as may be necessary to carry into effect the objects for which said board is created; and to regulate and define their duties, and to fix and prescribe their compensation. All such appointments, except that of electrical engineer shall be made subject to and in conformity with the city civil service laws and regulations.

Said board shall have power from time to time to make and enforce by-laws, rules and regulations for the government of all their employes and the proper administration of the affairs of their department, and may alter, modify or repeal such by-laws, rules or regulations, as they shall deem to be for the best interests of the city.

Said board shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and expenditures for all purposes connected with the administration of said lighting and power departments and said lighting and power plant, which books shall at all reasonable times be open for public inspection.

(Ch. 467, 1907.)

**Board of public works to supervise constructions.** SECTION 926—101m. Whenever said board of commissioners shall adopt any plans and specifications for the erection of any building, the board of public works shall have the immediate supervision and superintendence of the construction, and of the laying of conduits in the public streets and of the necessary excavation, refilling and repaving caused thereby.

(Ch. 467, 1907.)

**Commission's reports, estimates and disbursements.** SECTION 926—101n. The said commission shall make an annual report and such other reports required to the common council of all its doings and expenditures in connection with said lighting and power plant, and shall annually certify to the common council and the city comptroller on or before the first day of December the amount of money required for the maintenance of their department and the contemplated extensions for the next ensuing year.

All moneys set aside by the council in the annual budget for the maintenance and extension of said city lighting and power plant, shall be subject to disbursement by said commission upon orders issued by them, payable at the city treasurer's office.

(Ch. 467, 1907.)

**Cities, 3rd class: high school buildings.** SECTION 926—104m. The board of education of any city of the third class, organized under a special charter which authorizes such board to purchase sites and erect high school buildings, may select any such site or erect any such building without restriction as to any territorial limitation that may be contained in the charter of such city.

(Ch. 69, 1907.) Numbered 926-104m by sec. 2, ch. 676, 1907.

**Cities, 1st class: vacation of public grounds and ways; freeholders' petition therefor.** SECTION 926—125k. 1. The common council of any city of the first class under special or general charter may vacate grounds, waterways, streets and alleys under the provisions of this act.

2. Any ten or more freeholders residing in any ward of such city may present a petition to the common council for the vacation of a ground, waterway, street or alley, or part thereof, within the ward where such petitioners reside, stating the va-