

I will employ, for the purpose of maintaining the causes confided to me, such means only as are consistent with truth and honor, and will never seek to mislead the judge or jury by any artifice or false statement of fact or law.

I will maintain the confidence and preserve inviolate the secrets of my client and will accept no compensation in connection with his business except from him or with his knowledge and approval.

I will abstain from all offensive personality and advance no fact prejudicial to the honor or reputation of a party or witness, unless required by the justice of the cause with which I am charged;

I will never reject, from any consideration personal to myself, the cause of the defenseless or oppressed, or delay any man's cause for lucre or malice. So help me God.

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

Approved May 25, 1909.

No. 80, S.]

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## CHAPTER 180.

AN ACT to amend section 1797m—77 of the statutes, relating to public utilities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1797m—77 of the statutes is hereby amended to read: Section 1797m—77. Any public utility, being at the time a corporation duly organized under the laws of the state of Wisconsin, operating under an existing license, permit, or franchise shall, upon filing at any time prior to the expiration of such license, permit, or franchise and prior to \* \* \* *January 1, 1911*, with the clerk of the municipality which granted such franchise and with the commission, a written declaration legally executed, that it surrenders such license, permit, or franchise, receive by operation of law in lieu thereof, an indeterminate permit as provided in this act, and such public utility shall hold such permit under all the terms, conditions, and limitations of this act. The filing of such declaration shall be deemed a waiver by such public utility of the right to insist upon the fulfilment of any contract theretofore entered into relating to any rate, charge, or service regulated by this act. *After filing such written declaration with the*

*commission, the public utility may file with the commission a certificate of the clerk of the municipality showing the fact and the date of the filing of such written declaration with such clerk, and thereupon shall receive a certificate under the hands and seal of the commission that such public utility is, on and after a day to be therein specified, the holder of such indeterminate permit, which certificate shall be presumptive evidence of the facts therein stated.*

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

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## CHAPTER 181.

AN ACT to amend section 959—40 of the statutes, relating to the police and fire commissioners in cities of the second and third class.

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

SECTION 1. Section 959—40 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 959—40. In all cities of the second and third class, however incorporated, there shall be a board of police and fire commissioners, consisting of five citizens, not more than three of whom shall belong to the same political party when appointed, and none of whom shall hold a license for the sale of intoxicating liquors. No salary or other compensation shall be paid to any member of such board. Three members shall constitute a quorum. \* \* \* The mayor of every such city \* \* \* annually, \* \* \* between the last Monday of April and the first Monday of May, \* \* \* shall appoint, in writing to be filed with the secretary of said board, one member of said board for the term of five years, \* \* \* or until \* \* \* his successor is appointed and qualified. Every person so appointed shall, before entering upon his duties, take and subscribe the constitutional oath of office and file the same with the city clerk. Vacancies in the board shall be filled by the mayor for the unexpired term.

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

Approved May 26, 1909.