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CHAPTER 160.

AN ACT to amend section 1797m—82 of the statutes, relating to the acquiring of public utility properties by municipalities.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1797m—82 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 1797m—82. The commission shall thereupon proceed to set a time and place for a public hearing upon the matters of the just compensation to be paid for the taking of the property of such public utility actually used and useful for the convenience of the public, and of all other terms and conditions of the purchase, and sale, and shall give to the municipality and the public utility interested, not less than thirty days' notice of the time and place when and where such hearing will be held, and such matters considered and determined, and shall give like notice to all bondholders, mortgagees, lienors, and all other persons having or claiming to have any interest in such public utility, by publication of such notice once a week for not less than three successive weeks in at least one newspaper of general circulation printed in the English language and published in the county in which such public utility is located, which publication shall be caused to be made by the municipality. Within a reasonable time * * * after the time fixed for such hearing in such notice, the commission shall, by order, fix and determine and certify to the municipal council, to the public utility and to any bondholder, mortgagee, lienor or any other * * * *person having or claiming to have any interest in such public utility* appearing upon such hearing, just compensation to be paid for the taking of the property of such public utility actually used and useful for the convenience of the public and all other terms and all conditions of sale and purchase which it shall ascertain to be reasonable. The compensation and other terms and the conditions of sale and purchase thus certified by the commission shall constitute the compensation and terms and conditions to be paid, followed and observed in the purchase of such plant from such public utility. Upon the filing of such certificate with the clerk of such municipality the exclusive use of the property taken shall vest in such municipality.

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

Approved May 1, 1913.