

provided by law for the taking of property for public use as a street, alley, public square or ground, without petition.

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

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CHAPTER 279.

AN ACT to amend subsections 2 and 3 of section 925m—308 of the statutes, providing for the election of a vice-mayor, and relating to vote of councils.

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

SECTION 1. Subsections 2 and 3 of section 925m—308 of the statutes are amended to read: (Section 925m—308) 2. The mayor shall be president of the council, and have a vote therein, but shall have no power of veto. *On the first Tuesday in May following the reorganization of any city under this chapter, and biennially thereafter, or whenever there shall be a vacancy in the office, the council shall elect one of its members vice-mayor, who in the absence or disability of the mayor for any cause, shall perform all the duties thereof.*

3. A majority of the members of the council shall constitute a quorum, and a majority vote of the members of the council shall be necessary, *and no more than a majority shall be required, to adopt any ordinance, * * * resolution or motion.*

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

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CHAPTER 280.

AN ACT to create section 4220a of the statutes, relating to the time for the commencement of actions for the recovery of real property or damages thereto.

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: Section 4220a. Whenever any land or any interest therein has been or shall hereafter be taken, entered upon or appropriated for the purpose of its business by any railroad corporation, electric railroad or power company, telephone company or tele-

graph company without said corporation or company having first acquired title thereto by purchase or condemnation, as by statute provided, the owner of any such land, his heirs, assigns and legal representatives shall have and are hereby given the right to at any time within twenty years from the date of such taking, entry or appropriation, sue for damages sustained because of such taking, from the corporation or company so taking, entering upon or appropriating said lands or its successors in title, in the circuit court of the county in which said land is situated.

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

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CHAPTER 281.

AN ACT authorizing cities, villages or towns to conduct public concerts and to ratify obligations attempted to be incurred in the conduct of public concerts.

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

SECTION 1. Any city, village or town in this state, whether organized under general or special charter, is authorized and empowered to conduct public concerts in parks, auditoriums and such other public places within the city, village or town as the common council, village board or town board of such city, village or town shall determine. Such concerts in parks shall be conducted by the board of park commissioners, or park committee of the city council, village board or town board, and the expenses thereof shall be paid out of the park fund; and such concerts when given in other public places shall be conducted by the board or department having charge of such place and the expenses thereof shall be paid out of such fund as the common council, village board or town board shall determine.

SECTION 2. The common council, village board or town board or the board of park commissioners of any such city, village or town, whether organized under special or general charter, is authorized and empowered to ratify, validate and confirm by majority vote of the members thereof any pecuniary obligation heretofore incurred or attempted to be incurred by said city, village or town through any officer or department under the direction of the common council, village board or town board, or the board of park commissioners, in connection with or arising out of the conduct of public or park concerts in such city, village