

clerk of the city, or the president and clerk of the village, as the case may be, subject to the direction of the board or council, may issue bonds to the amount stated in the call, and sell or hypothecate the same for the purpose of raising money for the object stated in the notice of the election; but no bond shall be issued if a majority of the ballots cast shall be against the issue of the bonds, *nor shall any such bonds be issued after the expiration of three years following the date of such election. Provided, however, that where an action or proceeding is instituted in any court to determine the validity of the issue of any such bonds, approved by a majority of the electors of the town, city or village, proposing to issue such bonds, the time during which such action or proceeding is pending to determine the validity thereof shall not be considered as a part of such three years. Whenever a majority of the ballots cast shall be in favor of issuing bonds to a specified amount for any purpose, any prior election approving the issuance of bonds for the same purpose shall be no longer effective, except as to bonds authorized by the board or council, in pursuance of such former election prior to the subsequent election.*

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 377

AN ACT to amend section 959w of the statutes, relating to municipal contracts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 959w of the statutes is amended to read: Section 959w. The common council of any city, however incorporated, is authorized and empowered to ratify, validate and confirm by a majority vote of the members thereof, any contract, either written or oral, heretofore entered into or purported to be entered into by any officer or department of such city in the forming of which the proper proceedings may not have been regularly taken; provided, * * * that the other contracting party has * * * performed his share of said contract; * * * and * * * that such contract was one which the common council had authority to authorize; and the common council of any such city is authorized and empowered to ratify, validate and confirm all proceedings in relation thereto, and when so ratified and confirmed the obligation of

such contract shall be as binding to all intents and purposes as if such contract had been regularly entered into. The common council shall be the sole judge of the amount due, and no interest shall be allowed or considered. *Nothing in this act contained shall affect the rights of parties to any action pending at the time it takes effect.*

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 378

AN ACT to amend sections 572i and 572k of the statutes, relating to the county aid for blind persons.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 572i and 572k of the statutes are amended to read: Section 572i. 1. Any male person over the age of twenty-one years, and any female person over the age of eighteen years, who is declared to be blind in the manner hereinafter set forth, and who is not an inmate of any charitable, reformatory or penal institution in this state, * * * and who

(a) has an income of less than two hundred and fifty dollars per annum, and who has been a bona fide resident of this state for ten years and of the county in which such application is made for at least * * * one year next preceding the making of the application hereinafter set forth, may, in the discretion of the county board, receive from the county in which such person or persons are resident, a benefit of one hundred dollars per annum, payable quarterly; or

(b) has no income and who has been a bona fide resident of this state for ten years and is a resident of the county wherein application is made at the time of making the application may be entitled to receive from said county a benefit of one hundred and fifty dollars annually, payable quarterly and such additional aid as the county board may determine.

2. Payments made under paragraph (b) of subsection 1 by any county to any person within and for the first year after such person takes up residence therein, shall be and constitute a charge against the county in this state wherein such person resided for one full year or more next preceding removal into the county which paid such benefits. The clerk of the county wherein such benefits were paid shall certify to the clerk of such