

by resolution of the electors thereof, the vote thereon taken by ballot, to establish a fire department, to appoint the officers and members thereof, and prescribe and regulate their duties; to provide protection from fire by the purchase, use and maintenance of fire engines and other necessary apparatus for the extinguishment of fires, and by the erection or construction of cisterns and reservoirs; to erect engine houses; to compel the inhabitants of the town to aid in the extinguishment of fires, and to pull down and raze such buildings in the vicinity of fire as shall be directed by them or any two of them who may be at the fire, for the purpose of preventing its communication to other buildings; to establish fire limits or the limits within which wooden or other combustible buildings shall not be erected; to require the owners or occupants of buildings to provide and keep suitable ladders and fire buckets which shall be appurtenances to the realty and exempt from seizure and forced sale; and after reasonable notice to such owner or occupant and refusal or neglect by him to procure and deliver the same to him, and in default of payment therefor to levy the cost thereof as a special tax upon such real estate, to be assessed and collected as other taxes in such town; to regulate the storage of gunpowder and other dangerous materials; to require the construction of safe places for the deposit of ashes; to regulate the manner of putting up stove pipes and the construction and cleaning of chimneys; to prevent bonfires and the use of fireworks and firearms in the town or any part thereof; to authorize fire wardens, at all reasonable times, to enter and examine all dwelling houses, lots, yards, inclosures and buildings of every description in order to discover whether any of them are in a dangerous condition and to cause such as may be dangerous to be put in safe condition.

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

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CHAPTER 262.

AN ACT to amend subdivision (1) of subsection 8 of section 1317m—5 of the statutes, relating to compensation of members of the county state road and bridge committee.

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

SECTION 1. Subdivision (1) of subsection 8 of section 1317m—5 of the statutes is amended to read: (Section 1317m—

5) (8) (1) Each county board, at or before the annual meeting held next after the passage and publication of this act and at each succeeding annual meeting thereafter, shall by ballot elect, or by resolution instruct the chairman of said board to appoint, a committee of not less than three or more than five persons, of which said chairman may be one, who shall hold their offices for one year and until their successors are elected and have qualified. Such committee shall be known as the county state road and bridge committee, referred to in sections 1317m—1 to 1317m—15, inclusive, of the statutes, as the county committee. Vacancies on such committee shall be filled by the county board, if in session when the vacancy occurs; otherwise such vacancies shall be filled by the chairman of the county board. Persons appointed to fill vacancies shall hold only for the unexpired term. The members of such committee shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties and shall be paid the same per diem for time actually and necessarily spent in the performance of their duties as is paid to members of other county board committees, not, however, exceeding * * * *three hundred dollars in counties in which the committee will supervise less than one hundred fifty thousand dollars worth of construction and maintenance the succeeding year; four hundred dollars in counties in which said committee will supervise between one hundred and fifty thousand and four hundred thousand dollars worth of said work the succeeding year; and five hundred dollars in counties in which said committee will supervise four hundred thousand dollars worth or over of said work in the succeeding year* for both per diem and expenses to any one member in any one year; provided that a lesser amount may be fixed as the maximum by any county board.

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

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CHAPTER 263.

AN ACT to amend section 925—52i of the statutes, relating to the police pension fund in cities of the second class.

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

SECTION 1. Section 925—52i of the statutes is amended to read: Section 925—52i. For the purpose of establishing a permanent police pension fund said common councils shall cause