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CHAPTER 197.

AN ACT to amend section 1222e, statutes of 1898, as amended by chapter 354 of the laws of 1899, relating to the payment of license fees by street railway and electric companies.

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

Division of license fees between two or more municipalities.

SECTION 1. Section 1222e of the statutes of 1898 as amended by chapter 354, laws of 1899, is hereby further amended so as to read as follows: Section 1222e. In case such railway shall be operated in more than one municipality or in case such business of furnishing light or power shall be carried on in more than one municipality, or in a municipality other than that in which such street railway is operated, so much of such license fee as was produced from gross receipts in the business of furnishing light or power, shall be divided between the municipalities in which such receipts were obtained in proportion to the amount obtained in each; and so much of such license fee as was produced from receipts from street railway operation shall be divided between the several municipalities through or in which the street railway was operated in proportion to the mileage of street railway track in each such municipality, except that one mile of track in each city or incorporated village shall be taken and deemed equivalent to three miles of track outside of such cities and villages.

In every such case the statement required by section 1222c shall be correctly set forth and show the number of miles of track operated in each such municipality, the amount of gross receipts from the operation of such railway and, separately, the amount of gross receipts obtained in each such municipality from the business of furnishing electric light and power. A duplicate of such statement shall be filed with the treasurer of each such municipality and payment of the proportion of license fee due to each shall be made to the treasurer thereof at and within the times for filing statement of receipts and making payment of license fees specified in section 1222c.

The treasurer of each such municipality shall pay, on or before March 1st in each year, to the treasurer of the county in which such municipality is located, twelve per cent. of the license fee so collected as a just and proper proportion of the amount thereof, to be applied as state and county tax, and the county treasurer shall pay, on or before April 1st in each year, to the state treasurer three-fourths of the amount so received by him as a just and proper proportion of each license fee, to be applied as a state tax and to be in lieu thereof.

Where there is more than one taxing district or ward in any such municipality, the comptroller of such municipality or other proper officer, shall, on or before December 30th in each year, apportion eighty-eight per cent. of such license fee so collected and paid to such municipality, among the taxing districts or wards thereof through which the line of railway or line of lighting plant shall pass, according to the number of feet of railway track or wire in each such ward or taxing district; and when so apportioned the same shall belong to and be a part of the respective ward funds, and shall be used for ward fund purposes only in case of any such division is made in such municipality under its charter and ordinances, otherwise the fund shall belong to the city.

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

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CHAPTER 198.

AN ACT to amend chapter 91 of the statutes of 1898, relating to religious societies.

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

Body corporate to hold title. SECTION 1. Chapter 91 of the statutes of 1898, is hereby amended by inserting after section 1998 of said statutes, a new section as follows: Sec-