

CHAPTER 409.

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AN ACT to authorize the village of Depere and the town of Lawrence to purchase or lease a certain bridge across Fox river, for a free bridge.

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

Authority to
purchase bridge,
&c.

SECTION 1. The village of Depere and the town of Lawrence, in the county of Brown, or either of the said corporations, are hereby authorized and empowered to purchase absolutely, or lease from the owners thereof, a certain bridge across the Fox river, at Depere, and all the appurtenances thereto belonging, and the charter of the same, granted by this state by an act of the legislature of said state, approved February 4, 1851, upon such terms as the parties in interest may agree to.

Stipulations de-
clared legal.

SECTION 2. All stipulations and agreements heretofore made between the said village of Depere and town of Lawrence, concerning the leasing of said bridge and appurtenances, are hereby declared valid and binding.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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AN ACT to amend chapter 107 of the private [general] laws of 1862, entitled "an act to amend chapter 108 of the private laws of 1858, entitled 'an act to reduce the law incorporating the city of Janesville, and the several acts amendatory thereto, into one act, and amend the same,' and to amend chapter 163 of the general laws of 1860, entitled 'an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to reduce the law incorporating the city of Janesville, and the several acts amendatory thereof, into one act, and to amend the same,' approved March 25th, 1858, and all acts amendatory of the same.'"

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

Improvement
of streets, &c.

SECTION 1. Subdivision first of section two of chapter one hundred and seven of the private [general] laws

of 1862, is hereby amended, so as to read as follows :
“1st. In case the work shall be the grading, graveling, leveling, paving, macadamizing or planking any street, highway, lane or alley, or any part thereof, the common council shall appoint some competent person to ascertain the aggregate front length of each lot and parcel of land, on both sides thereof, throughout its whole extent, with a correct description thereof, and the name of the owner if known, and also the aggregate front length of all lots and parcels of land fronting on such street. The said common council shall then determine the expense of the whole work, including the surveying, specifications, advertising, treasurer's commission, ascertaining the value of existing improvements of the same, or of similar kind and character, if any, and preparing the assessment lists, and cause the average expense upon each foot front of lots and parcels of land, on both sides of such street, highway, lane or alley, throughout its whole extent, excluding cross streets from the computation, to be ascertained, and each lot or parcel of land on both sides of such street, highway, lane or alley throughout its whole extent, shall be assessed with its proportion of the expense, to be ascertained by multiplying its number of feet front by the average expense per foot: *provided*, that when the owner or owners of any lot or lots, parcel or parcels of land fronting any street, highway, lane or alley upon which said improvement is proposed to be made, have already made any improvement on said street, highway, lane or alley, in front of his or her said lot or lots, parcel or parcels of land, of the same or of similar kind and character as the proposed improvement, the common council shall ascertain the value of such improvement, and for that purpose shall have power to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths and take proofs in such manner as it may direct; and the value of such improvement, when so ascertained, shall be added to the expense of the proposed improvement, and assessed therewith upon all the lots fronting upon such street, highway, lane or alley, in the manner hereinbefore specified; and when so assessed, the value of such improvement so made by such owner or owners as aforesaid, shall be credited upon the assessment upon his or her said lot or lots, parcel or parcels of land, but the value of such improvement shall be so assessed as aforesaid.

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said but once; and in case the value of such improvement shall exceed the amount assessed upon such lot or lots, parcel or parcels of land, such excess shall be credited upon any future assessment or assessments made upon such lot or lots, parcel or parcels of land for a like purpose, until the same shall be fully credited and allowed."

Application.

SECTION 2. This act shall apply to all improvements upon any street, highway, lane or alley specified in section one of this act, which have heretofore been made, the expense whereof has not already been assessed, and to all such improvements hereafter made [as] may have been ordered before the passage of this act.

Repeal.

SECTION 3. All acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 411.

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AN ACT to correct the names of certain counties, and to prescribe certain duties for the secretary of state, in relation to the publication of laws.

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

Orthography of certain counties.

SECTION 1. The correct names of the counties of "Douglass," "Shawanaw" and "Waupacca," in this state, (so spelled in the revised statutes of 1858,) are hereby declared to be Douglas, Shawano and Waupaca, respectively; and hereafter in making any official or authorized publication of any act, memorial or resolution heretofore or hereafter passed, in which any or either of the said counties is mentioned, the secretary of state shall cause the name or names of the county or counties so mentioned, to be spelled correctly, as the orthography thereof is hereinbefore declared and established, whether such name or names be or be not cor-