

apportioned to and charged against their respective counties, including their indebtedness as certified to them by the secretary of state upon all taxable property therein, as provided by law.

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

Approved March 18, 1873.

CHAPTER 226.

[Published March 29, 1873.]

AN ACT to amend chapter eighty-four of the private and local laws of 1872, entitled an act to apply the drainage fund of the town of Lebanon, in the county of Waupaca, for drainage purposes.

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

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter eighty-four of the private and local laws of 1872 is hereby amended by striking out the word, "sixteen," in the fourteenth line of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof, the word, "twenty-one." Amended.

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

Approved March 18, 1873.

CHAPTER 227.

[Published March 25, 1873.]

AN ACT to amend chapter seventy-six of the general laws of 1871, entitled an act to amend chapter twenty-five of the general laws of 1870, entitled an act to authorize certain counties, towns, cities and villages to aid the Milwaukee and Northern Railway Company, approved March 14, 1871.

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

SECTION 1. Section two of chapter seventy-six of the general laws of 1871, entitled an act to amend chapter twenty-five of general laws of 1870, entitled an act to authorize certain counties, towns, cities and villages to aid the Milwaukee and Northern Railway Amended—
railroad com-
pany shall
make proposi-
tion in writing
to county, town,
city or village
authorities for
aid.

Company, approved March 14, 1871, is hereby so amended as to read as follows, to-wit: Section 2. Whenever said company shall desire any such county, town, city or village to subscribe for, and take any of its stock or bonds, it shall make and deliver to the county clerk of such county, the town clerk of such town, or the clerk of such city or village, as the case may be, a proposition in writing, signed by the president or vice president and secretary of said company, and sealed with its corporate seal, which proposition shall state the amount, kind and description of stock or bonds which the county, town, city or village is desired to subscribe for and take, and the terms on which it is desired to subscribe for and take the same, and the manner in which it is desired to pay or secure payment of such subscriptions, whether in money or in bonds; and if bonds are desired to be issued therefor, then the amount of each bond, the aggregate amount of all the bonds, the rate of interest they shall bear, and the time of payment thereof. Upon receiving such proposition, the county clerk of such county, the town clerk of such town, or the clerk of such city or village, as the case may be, shall immediately call a meeting of the proper authorities of such county, town, city or village to take into consideration the proposition of said company, when such board or proper authorities may, and upon written request of six legal voters of such county, town, city or village, shall give notice of an election to be held by the legal voters of such county, town, city or village, as the case may be, at such place, on such day and during such hours in the day as they may designate, which day shall not be less than five nor more than thirty days from the date of such notice, and such notice shall contain a statement of the substance of the proposition made by said company, as aforesaid, and call upon the legal voters to deposit each a ballot, upon which shall be written or printed the words, "for the railway proposition," or the words, "against the railway proposition," and any such proposition heretofore made and signed by the vice president, and all proceedings and contracts had or made under, or in pursuance of the same, shall be as valid and effectual as if the same had been signed by the president of said company.

County, town, city or village clerks to call meetings to vote on proposition.

Form of ballot.

Amended—If vote is for the proposition, proper officers shall subscribe for and take stock, and issue bonds therefor.

SECTION 2. Section four of said chapter seventy-six is hereby so amended as to read as follows, to-wit: Section 4. If a majority of the legal voters of any such county, town, city or village voting in pursuance of the provisions of this act, shall cast a ballot contain-

ing the words, "for the railway proposition," and the votes so cast in favor of such proposition shall, at the same time, be equal to a majority of the legal votes cast in such county, town, city or village at the election of governor next preceding the date of such proposition, it shall be the duty of the proper officers in behalf of such county, town, city or village, to subscribe for and take, or agree to take, stock or bonds of said company, of the kind and description, to the amount, and on the terms and conditions specified in such proposition of said company, and in payment therefor to make, issue and deliver to said company the bonds of said county, town, city or village, as the case may be, payable to bearer; or, in case such subscription is payable in money, and not to be secured by bonds, then it shall be the duty of the proper authorities of such county, town, city or village to levy, collect and pay to said company in money the amount of such subscription, in all respects in accordance with the terms and conditions of such proposition of said company, and such tax shall be in addition to all other taxes authorized by law, and shall be levied upon and collected from all taxable property in such county, town, city or village in the same manner that general taxes are levied and collected by law. All acts or parts of acts, if any, conflicting herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. This act shall be deemed a public act, and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 18, 1873.

CHAPTER 228.

[Published March 27, 1873.]

AN ACT to amend chapter one hundred and forty-one of general laws of 1868, relating to the taxation of telegraph companies.

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

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter one hundred and forty-one of general laws of 1868, is hereby amended by adding to the end of said section as follows: "If any telegraph company, or its officers, shall fail to

Amended—
penalty for failure to comply with act.