

## CHAPTER 237.

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AN ACT to amend an act, entitled, "an act to consolidate and amend an act to incorporate the city of Watertown, and the several acts amendatory thereof, approved March 28, 1865."

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

- Election of aldermen.** SECTION 1. On the second Tuesday of April next, the term of office of all the aldermen of the city of Watertown shall expire, and on the first Tuesday of April, 1875, and annually thereafter, there shall be elected by the qualified electors of each ward, two aldermen, whose term of service shall be for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified; one of the said aldermen in each ward shall be denominated "Senior Alderman," and shall be so designated on the ballots. The said aldermen shall each be entitled to seats in the common council of said city. And the senior aldermen so elected shall form a board of street commissioners, and shall have and exercise all the powers now conferred by law on said board, except as limited and controlled by this act.
- Board of street commissioners.**
- Election of supervisors.** SECTION 2. In each ward of said city, at the annual election to be holden on the first Tuesday of April next, and annually thereafter, there shall be elected by the qualified electors of each ward, three supervisors, one of whom shall be denominated "chairman," and shall be so designated on the ballots. The said chairman shall be entitled to a seat in the county board of supervisors. In case of any vacancy in said office, or the inability from any cause to attend said county board, one of the other supervisors, to be determined by lot, shall represent said ward in said county board of supervisors, and be entitled to a seat in the same. All vacancies in the office of supervisor shall be filled in the manner now provided by law for filling vacancies in the office of aldermen of said city; *provided*, that no such supervisor shall be alderman at the same time.
- Vacancies—how filled.**
- Ward board of street commissioners.** SECTION 3. The said supervisors of each ward shall form and constitute a ward board of street commissioners, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum. They shall meet for the transaction of business, at the office of the city clerk; the said clerk

shall act as their clerk, and keep a record of all their proceedings, and have the custody of all their records, books, and papers.

SECTION 4. The said ward board of street commissioners shall have exclusive control and charge of all the streets and highways of their respective wards, and have power to superintend and direct all improvements and repairs of the same, and the expenditure and control of all ward funds and highway labor and taxes shall be under their direction, and all claims against any ward shall be certified and audited by them, and laid before the common council for allowance, and no claims against any ward shall be increased by said common council without the concurrence of said ward board.

Power of same.

SECTION 5. The said supervisors shall act as a board of registry and inspector of elections in their respective wards and shall receive no compensation for any service rendered by them, except for attendance on the county board and for services as such board of registry and inspectors of elections.

Board of registry and inspector of elections.

SECTION 6. Any tax payer or elector of said city shall have the right of free access to and examining all records, books and papers of every description in the offices of the city clerk, treasurer and board of education without charge and during all reasonable hours.

Tax-payers to have access to city records.

SECTION 7. All acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

Conflicting acts repealed.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication, and it is made the duty of the city clerk to immediately publish the same in all the city papers.

Act to be published by city clerk.

Approved March 5, 1875.