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## CHAPTER 159.

AN ACT to authorize the cities of Grand Rapids and Centralia to build and maintain a toll bridge across the Wisconsin river, in Wood county, between said cities.

WHEREAS, The cities of Grand Rapids and Centralia, under and by virtue of the provisions of chapter 2 of the laws of 1889, have voted to issue their bonds to the amount of five per centum of the value of the taxable property therein, respectively, and have contracted for the erection of the bridge therein authorized to be built, and agreed to pay for the same the sum of seventeen thousand four hundred dollars, which amount is substantially five per centum of the value of all the taxable property in both said cities; and

WHEREAS, In case said bridge should be destroyed or carried away by ice, high water or other accident before the bonds issued in payment thereof have been paid, these said cities could not lawfully incur a further indebtedness sufficient to rebuild the same; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That in case the bridge authorized to be built by said cities of Grand Rapids and Centralia under the provisions of said chapter 2, of the laws of 1889, be destroyed or carried away by ice, high water or other accident before said bonds issued therefor shall have been paid, and before said cities can lawfully incur an indebtedness sufficient to rebuild the same, then, and in that event, said cities are and shall be authorized and empowered to erect and maintain a toll bridge across the Wisconsin river between said cities at the place mentioned in said chapter 2, or at any other place within the limits of said cities as they, by their common councils shall determine, and to charge, collect and receive tolls for crossing the same, at the rates specified in this act, not exceeding the term of ten years

Toll bridge may be built in certain case.

from the completion of such bridge; and for the purpose of enabling said cities to obtain the benefits of the charter and franchise hereby granted, they are hereby authorized and empowered, upon such terms and conditions as they may deem most advantageous and for the best interests of said cities, to lease the franchise hereby granted to any person, persons or corporation who will build such bridge, and who will run and operate the same as a toll bridge, and who will, at the expiration of such lease, convey and transfer such bridge to said cities for the use of such franchise for the shortest length of time; provided, that such lease shall not be for a period exceeding ten years from the completion of such bridge, and provided, further, that at the expiration of such lease and the transfer of said bridge to said cities, such bridge shall become a free bridge and shall thereafter be kept up and maintained by said cities, in the same manner and in the same proportion as provided for in said chapter 2, of the laws of 1889.

**Tolls.**

SECTION 2. In case such toll bridge be built under the provisions of this act, then said cities, their assigns or lessee, shall have the power and legal right, immediately after the completion thereof, and during the continuance of such lease, to demand, receive and collect tolls for passing over said bridge at rates not exceeding the following: For any vehicle drawn by two horses, mules or oxen, fifteen cents for one way and twenty five cents for passage both ways the same day; for any vehicle drawn by one horse or mule, ten cents one way and fifteen cents both ways the same day; for horses or cattle in droves of ten or less, five cents a head, and in droves of more than ten, three cents per head; for sheep or hogs two cents per head; and for each footman three cents one way or five cents for both ways on the same day; and there shall be kept posted up in a conspicuous place at each end of said bridge the rates of toll established not exceeding the rates herein allowed.

**Penalty for passing over bridge without payment of toll.**

SECTION 3. Any person who shall forcibly or fraudulently pass over the bridge authorized by this act, while the same is a toll bridge, without paying the legal toll, shall be guilty of trespass, and shall for each offense forfeit the sum of five

dollars to and for the use of the legal owners of said bridge, to be recovered with costs, as in other actions of trespass, in any court having competent jurisdiction.

SECTION 4. Any person who shall carelessly or maliciously injure said bridge, shall be liable to the owners thereof in double the amount of the damages caused by such injury, and such damage may be recovered in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

Penalty for careless or malicious injury to bridge.

SECTION 5. This act shall be in force and take effect from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 3, 1891.

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## CHAPTER 160.

AN ACT relating to the city of Marshfield, Wisconsin, and codifying and consolidating the act of incorporation, and all acts amendatory thereof and repealing all other acts relating thereto.

(See Vol. 2.)

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## CHAPTER 161.

AN ACT to organize the town of Amberg, in Marinette county.

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

SECTION 1. All that portion of the present towns of Peshtigo and Wausaukee, in Marinette county, described as follows, to-wit: All that part of townships numbered thirty-five, thirty-six, thirty seven and thirty-eight north, of ranges

Organizing town of Amberg, Marinette county; boundaries.