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CHAPTER 139.

AN ACT to amend chapter 326, of the laws of 1889, as amended by chapter 312, of the laws of 1893, entitled, "An act dividing cities into classes and providing for their incorporation and government."

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

SECTION 1. Section 23, of chapter 326, of the laws of 1889, as amended by section 11, of chapter 312, of the laws of 1893, is hereby amended by inserting after the words "city assessor" in the seventh line, the following: "one or more assessors as determined by the common council by ordinance," so that said section, when so amended shall read as follows: Section 23. The officers of cities of the second, third and fourth classes shall be a mayor, two aldermen and one supervisor from each ward, a city treasurer, city clerk, comptroller, city attorney, city assessor, one or more assessors as determined by the common council by ordinance, city engineer, chief of police, two justices of the peace, a city physician, a street commissioner, a chief of the fire department, a board of public works, a board of school commissioners, one or more policemen, and such other officers or boards as the common council may deem necessary; provided, the common council, by a two-thirds vote, may dispense with the office of street commissioner, city engineer, comptroller, and board of public works, and provide that the duties of such officer or board be performed by other officers or boards of said city, or by the common council, or by a committee thereof.

Number of officers required in cities of second, third and fourth class.

SECTION 2. Section 25, of chapter 326, of the laws of 1889, as amended by section 13, of chap-

Officers to be elected by the people.

ter 312, of the laws of 1893, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 25. The mayor, city treasurer, comptroller, assessor or assessors, aldermen, justices of the peace and supervisors shall be elected by the people. The other officers may be appointed by the mayor, or elected by the common council, as shall be determined by ordinance; provided, that in case any such officer, except policemen, shall be appointed by the mayor, such appointment shall be subject to confirmation by the common council.

Terms of aldermen.

SECTION 3. Section 26, of chapter 326, of the laws of 1889, as amended by section 14, of chapter 312, of the laws of 1893, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following: And further the common council may provide, when the aldermen are elected for a longer term than one year, that the terms of the aldermen first elected after the adoption of this amendment shall expire in different years, and thereafter part of the aldermen shall be elected each year and hold office for the full term.

Government of waterworks owned by the city.

SECTION 4. Section 95, of chapter 326, of the laws of 1889, is hereby amended by striking out the word "shall" in the second line of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "may," and by adding at the end of said section, 'or by a water commission to be determined by ordinance of the common council, to consist of five members, to be composed as follows: Of three citizens and the mayor, who shall be ex-officio member of the commission, and one alderman to be appointed by the mayor,' so that said section 95, as amended shall read as follows: Section 95. In cities where the water works are owned by the city, the same may be operated under the direction of the board of public works, or by a water commission to be determined by ordinance of the common council, to consist of five members, to be composed as follows: Of three citizens, and the mayor, who shall be ex-officio member of the commission, and one alderman to be appointed by the mayor.

SECTION 5. Chapter 326, of the laws of 1889, ^{Election of water commis-} as amended by chapter 312, of the laws of 1893, ^{sion.} is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be known as section 95a, which section shall read as follows: Section 95a. The common council of any city which shall have determined to have a water commission as provided in section 4, of this act, shall, at its first regular meeting of the common council thereafter, elect by ballot, by a majority of the council, three citizens whose terms of office shall expire, one on the first Tuesday of October, next following his election, one on the first Tuesday of October in the year following his election, and one on the first Tuesday of October in the second year following his election, and thereafter at the expiration of the term of each commissioner, one shall be elected by the common council each year on the first Tuesday of October, whose term of office shall be three years, and until his successor is elected and qualified.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 31, 1897.