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CHAPTER 258.

AN ACT to amend chapter 364, of the laws of 1895, entitled, "An act to provide for a state board of arbitration and conciliation for the settlement of differences between employers and their employes."

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

Communica-
tions for said
board may be
addressed to
the Governor.

SECTION 1. Section 1, of chapter 364, of the laws of 1895, is hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the following: All requests and communications intended for said board may be addressed to the governor at Madison, who shall at once refer the same to the said board for their action.

Settlement of
differences—
"may be" re-
ferred instead
of "shall be,"
etc.

SECTION 2. Section 3, of said chapter 364, of the laws of 1895, is hereby amended by striking out the word "shall" in the eighth line of said section and inserting in place thereof, the words "may without any application therefor and;" and further by inserting after the word "thereafter" in the tenth line of said section, the word "shall," so that said section when so amended shall read as follows: Section 3. Whenever any controversy or difference not the subject of litigation in the courts of this state exists between an employer, whether an individual, co-partnership or corporation, and his employes, if at the time he employs not less than twenty-five persons in the same general line of business in any city, village or town in this state, said board may, without any application therefor, and upon application as hereinafter provided, and as soon as practicable thereafter, visit the locality of the dispute and make careful inquiry into the case thereof, hear all persons interested therein who may come before

them, advise the respective parties what, if anything, should be done or submitted to by either or both to adjust said dispute, and make a written decision thereof. This decision shall at once be made public, shall be published in two or more newspapers published in the locality of such dispute, shall be recorded upon proper books of record to be kept by the secretary of said board, and a succinct statement thereof, published in the annual report hereinafter provided for, and said board shall cause a copy of such decision to be filed with the clerk of the city, village or town where said business is carried on.

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

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CHAPTER 259.

AN ACT relating to the investment of sinking funds and amendatory of section 959, of the revised statutes.

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

SECTION 1. Section 959, of the revised statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 959. The moneys belonging to such sinking fund shall be held by the municipal treasurer, and, under the direction of the respective board or common council of such municipality, may be invested: First. In out-

Respecting the investment of sinking funds.