

by amended by adding to it this proviso: **Pro-** Teachers' con-
vided, however, that no such contract shall be tracts to be ap-
valid until the same shall be approved in writ- proved by the
ing by the clerk of the sub-district in which such clerk of the
teacher shall be employed to each. sub-district.

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

Approved March 16, 1897.

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CHAPTER 51.

AN ACT relating to the election or appointment of women upon school boards, or boards of education, in cities of the second and third classes, existing under special charters.

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

SECTION 1. Any city of the second or third class, now existing under special charter, as defined by chapter 238, of the laws of this state, passed in 1895, may by ordinance adopt section 2, of this act, in the manner following: Such ordinance shall be introduced at some regular meeting of the common council and no action shall be taken thereon before the next regular meeting thereof, or some later one; and before final action shall be taken thereon, it shall be published at least once in each week for three successive weeks in the official paper, or some other newspaper to be designated by the city council, together with a notice of the time at which such proposed ordinance will be considered. No city shall be deemed to surrender any part of its spe-

Notice of ordinance shall be published three weeks before action is taken thereon.

cial charter till these requirements shall have been fully performed. The adoption of such ordinance shall be by at least three-fourths of all the members-elect of the common council voting therefor. When adopted as herein provided, such ordinance shall be deemed a repeal of all parts of the special charter inconsistent therewith, and an amendment thereof, to conform thereto.

Women may be elected or appointed member of the school board.

Qualifications necessary.

SECTION 2. Any woman over twenty-one years of age having an actual residence of at least one year next preceding the time of her election or appointment in the ward or district from which she may be elected or appointed, owning at that time real estate in her own right situate in such ward or district, may be elected to or appointed upon school boards, or boards of education in such cities, and hold and exercise all the powers and duties of such office, as if she were an elector at general elections in this state. Removal from such ward or district will create a vacancy in the office so filled.

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

Approved March 16, 1897.

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CHAPTER 52.

AN ACT to appropriate a sum of money therein named to the Wisconsin state firemen's association.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Wisconsin state firemen's association the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) out of any