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CHAPTER 124.

AN ACT to amend section 925—18, of the statutes, relating to the annexation of territory by cities under general law.

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

SECTION 1. Section 925—18, statutes, is amended to read:

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CHAPTER 125.

AN ACT to amend section 2423 of the statutes, as amended by section 1, chapter 6 of the laws of 1905, detaching the county of Adams from the seventh judicial circuit and attaching the same to the eighteenth judicial circuit.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2423 of the statutes as amended by section 1, chapter 6 of the laws of 1905, is amended to read as follows:

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

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the general manner in which elections for city officers are conducted and canvassed in such city; and the form of the ballot shall be "for the adoption of chapter 40a" and "against the adoption of chapter 40a." When said petition shall be for only part of chapter 40a, the ballot shall contain "for the adoption (naming part)" and "against the adoption (naming part)."

(Ch. 230, 1907.)

Patent from secretary of state. SECTION 925—30. If the majority of the votes cast at such election are in favor of the adoption of chapter 40a or some part thereof, the city clerk shall certify that fact to the secretary of state and thereupon a patent shall be issued as provided in section 925—5, the last state or United States census being taken as the basis upon which to determine the classification of such city.

(Ch. 230, 1907.)

Adoption of general charter: officers to continue. SECTION 925—6. Whenever this chapter shall be adopted by a city now incorporated the officers of such city shall continue in office with all the powers herein conferred until the *expiration of the term for which they were respectively elected, and until the first Tuesday of May following such expiration, and until their successors are qualified.*

(Ch. 101, 1907.)

Petitioners requisite for annexation. SECTION 925—18.
* * * *A majority of the electors and the owners of at least one-third of the taxable property according to the last tax roll, in territory adjacent to such city may together present a petition to the common council of such city, asking for annexation thereto; provided, that if no electors reside therein such petition must be signed by the owners of at least * * * one-half of the taxable property desired to be annexed before the council shall have power to act thereon; provided further, that the council may, upon the petition of one-half of the resident electors and of the owners of one-half of the real estate within the limits of the territory proposed to be annexed, pass an ordinance annexing such proposed territory when the proposition to annex has been submitted to a vote of the electors of the district to be annexed and a majority of the resident electors have voted in favor thereof. Whenever a proposition to annex territory has been submitted to a vote and rejected,*

the same or substantially the same proposition shall not be again submitted within two years thereafter.

(Ch. 124, 1907.)

City boundary surveys; record, effect and test. SECTION 925—21b. All cities whether organized under a general or special charter are hereby continued as bodies corporate by the name and style which they now bear, until the same is duly changed. The district or territory now embraced within the limits and boundaries of such cities, as now described, shall continue to be the boundaries of such cities until changed by law. Any city may direct a survey of its present boundaries to be made, and when properly attested such survey may be filed in the office of the register of deeds in the county or counties in which such city is located and when so filed such survey and plat shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein set forth, and after the lapse of one year such a survey and plat shall be conclusive evidence of such facts. Any citizen may, by appropriate legal procedure, test the correctness of said survey and plat. The time such action is pending shall be excluded from the above limitation of time. Subsequent extensions of the boundaries of such cities may be surveyed and such surveys filed in the manner above provided and may be tested in the same manner and with like effect as a survey and plat of the original boundaries.

(Ch. 493, 1907.)

Cities of the first class: aldermen. SECTION 925—22a.
1. In each city of the first class in the state, whether operating under a general or special charter, there shall be elected to the common council as members thereof, twelve aldermen at large and one alderman from each ward and such aldermen shall constitute the sole legislative body of such city. The powers and salary of the aldermen shall be the same as now or is subsequently provided. The aldermen elected at large, after the first election, shall be elected for a term of four years, the aldermen from the wards shall be elected for a term of two years. At the first election of aldermen at large, there shall be twelve elected, the six having the largest number of votes to hold for a term of four years and the second six to hold for a term of two years, when their successors are to be elected for a term of four years.