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**CHAPTER 229.**

AN ACT to create section 763a of the statutes, relating to the keeping of eminent domain records and indices thereto by the register of deeds in counties having a population of two hundred and fifty thousand or more and making such records prima facie evidence.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes, a new section to read:

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**CHAPTER 230.**

AN ACT to create sections 925—3m, 925—3n, 925—3o, relating to the adoption of chapter 40a, of the statutes of 1898.

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

SECTION 1. There are added to the statutes new sections to read:

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the electors voting at the last preceding general election in any village or city of the fourth class shall petition therefor, the village board of such village or the common council of such city, may, in its discretion, direct that a part, not exceeding one-half of the cost of building, rebuilding or repairing any sidewalk, shall be paid by such village or city out of the general fund; and thereafter such part of such cost shall be so paid until the village board or city council shall otherwise order upon a like petition.

(Ch. 451, 1907.)

**Village purchases of material; bids unnecessary for contracts less than \$100.** SECTION 921. All contracts for the performance of any work or the purchase of any materials, in any such village, exceeding \* \* \* one hundred dollars, shall be let by the village board to the lowest bidder in such manner as they may prescribe.

(Ch. 245, 1907.)

**Cities: change from special to general charter—initiative.** SECTION 925—3m. Whenever a petition, signed by not less than ten per cent. of the electors of any city operating under a special charter, shall be presented to the common council of such city, asking that the question of the adoption by such city of chapter 40a, statutes of 1898 and the amendments thereto, or some part thereof, be submitted to a vote of the electors of such city, the common council of such city, at its next regular meeting after the filing of such petition with the clerk of such city, shall provide, by resolution, that the question of the adoption of said chapter 40a and the amendments thereto, or some part thereof, be submitted to a vote of the electors of such city, and shall determine a day not less than thirty nor more than sixty days after the passage of such resolution upon which day such election shall be held.

(Ch. 230, 1907 )

**Election on issue: notices; ballot form.** SECTION 925—3n. Notice of election on the proposition of adopting chapter 40a, statutes of 1898 and the amendments thereto, or some part thereof, shall be given by publication of a copy of such resolution in some newspaper published within such city, once each week for four successive weeks, immediately preceding the day of holding such election. Such election shall be conducted in

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,*