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CHAPTER 603.

AN ACT to create section 4560a—14, of the statutes relating to use of explosives, poisonous, or stupefying substances for the purpose of destroying or taking fish, and repealing section 4560f, of the statutes, as amended.

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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SECTION 2. (Repeals Sec 4560f of the statutes.)

Approved July 12, 1907.

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CHAPTER 604.

AN ACT to amend section 925—25, of the statutes, relating to the method of choosing officers in cities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 925—25, of the statutes, is amended to read:

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Election day. 2. The election of aldermen under the provision of this act shall take place on the first Tuesday of April, 1908, and biennially thereafter.

(Ch. 566, 1907.)

City officers: methods of choosing. SECTION 925—25. 1. The mayor, treasurer, comptroller, * * * aldermen, justices of the peace and supervisors shall be elected by the people. The other officers * * * shall be elected or otherwise selected as provided by ordinance approved by the electors of the city: provided, that in case any such officer, except policemen, shall be appointed by the mayor, such appointment shall be subject to confirmation by the council. *In cities where the clerk performs the duties of comptroller, the clerk shall be elected by the people.*

Methods under general charter. 2. *In all cities operating under the general law, officers, except as herein specified, shall continue to be elected or appointed in the manner now provided by law. In cities adopting the general law all officers shall continue to be elected or appointed in the manner prevailing in such cities at the time of the adoption of the general law, until changed in the manner herein provided, except as herein otherwise provided.*

Change of method by initiative and referendum. 3. *Upon petition of fifteen per centum of the electors voting at the last preceding election the council shall submit the question of changing the manner of election of any city official to the method specified in such petition except as to those officials enumerated in section 1 of this act who are to be elected by the people. Thereafter such officers shall be elected or appointed in the manner determined by the electors at such election.*

Cities of fourth class: elective method chosen by petitioners. - 4. In cities of the fourth class the clerk and * * * other officers, * * * may be elected by the electors at the same time and in the same manner as other officers are elected, upon a petition asking therefor being filed in the office of the city clerk fifteen days prior to any regular municipal election, signed by * * * *thirty per cent.* of the electors of such city who voted at the last general election then next preceding as appears from the poll list.

Notice of election when petitioners determine. 5.

* * * It shall be the duty of the council and the proper officers of any city of the fourth class to give notice of, call for and order the election at the next election and thereafter at each succeeding election, the officer or officers whose title of office is specified in such petition.

Petitioners may choose either elective or appointive method—exceptions. 6. Such petition may include one or more or all of the officers of such city, and the notice of and the order for the election shall follow and include the officer or officers named in the petition, and upon like petition, signed by a majority of the electors asking therefor, any common council, *of any city of the fourth class* by ordinance duly passed may provide for the appointment by the mayor with the concurrence of the council of any officers of such city excepting the office of mayor, aldermen, treasurer, supervisor or justice of the peace.

(Ch. 604, 1907.)

Terms of city officers; division of aldermen into classes.

SECTION 925—26a. In cities of the second, third and fourth classes, the terms of office of all city officers hereafter chosen by the electors, except aldermen of cities governed by special charter, shall be two years; and also except supervisors, who shall be elected annually, and their term of office shall be for one year, unless otherwise provided for in cities operating under special charters, provided this act shall not affect the term of office of any city officer which exceeds two years; *and provided further, that the common council may, by ordinance adopted and published at any time previous to the publication of notice of the election at which aldermen are to be elected, provided for the division of the aldermen into two classes, one class to be elected for one year, and the other for two years, so that the terms of office of only one-half the aldermen shall expire in any one year; and thereafter the term of office of all such aldermen shall be two years.*

(Ch. 7, 1907.)

Officers: clerk's certificates of election and qualification. SECTION 925—29a. To the person elected to any office the city clerk shall issue a certificate of election. To the person appointed, a certificate that such person has qualified for the