

chapter 64, of the laws of 1909, is amended to read: Section 4. Said judge shall file his oath of office and official bond in the manner and form as provided for justices of the peace. The person designated and elected as municipal judge of said court shall have the control and direction of the commencement of all actions, and of the proceedings therein, and in the event of the disqualification or absence of such municipal judge, the duties of said office shall be performed by a justice of the peace, who shall be thereunto designated by said municipal judge, in writing, and when performing such duties said justice of the peace shall receive three dollars for each half day and five dollars for each whole day in lieu of all fees, one-half to be paid by the city of Superior, and one-half by the county of Douglas. *The salary of said municipal judge shall be fixed by resolutions adopted by the county board of Douglas county and the city council of the city of Superior. Until so fixed* said municipal judge shall receive as compensation a salary of * * * *twenty-two* hundred dollars per annum, * * * *eleven* hundred dollars to be paid monthly from the treasury of Douglas county, * * * *eleven* hundred dollars to be paid monthly from the treasury of the city of Superior and said * * * *twenty-two* hundred dollars to be in full payment of all his fees for cases arising out of said ordinances and the penal statutes of the state. In case of voluntary absences of the municipal judge, he shall be liable for all pay exceeding three hundred dollars in any calendar year, of the justices of the peace when called in by him.

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

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CHAPTER 244.

AN ACT to amend subdivision 1, of section 946, of the statutes, relating to subscriptions by municipalities to railroad stock.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Subdivision 1, of section 946, of the statutes, is amended to read: (Section 946.) 1. Within three months after the filing of any such proposition with the proper clerk the railroad company may, by a written request, require notice to be given by such clerk, in the manner hereinafter provided for giving notice of an election to consider such proposition, that after a date in such notice named, not less than thirty nor more than sixty days from the date of notice, a petition to the proper

authorities of such municipality, praying that such proposition may be accepted and carried into effect, will be presented for their signatures to the * * * tax payers thereof, which petition, embracing a copy of such proposition, shall be appended as a part of such notice. If thereafter, within four months from the filing of such proposition with such clerk, the railroad company shall deliver to such clerk such * * * *petition*, embracing a copy of such proposition and bearing the signatures of a majority of the * * * persons * * * who were assessed for taxes on real or personal estate therein as shown by the last assessment roll, which majority so signing shall own more than one-half of the taxable property thereof as shown by the affidavit of the said assessment roll, which signatures shall be verified by some person who witnessed the making of the same, then such proposition shall be deemed accepted after the same shall have been on file in the office of the said clerk at least ten days, and the proper county board, town board, village board, board of trustees or common council shall carry the same into effect in the manner hereinafter provided.

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

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CHAPTER 245.

AN ACT to create section 1816a of the statutes, relating to the liability of railways for damages caused by fire communicated by locomotive engines

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: Section 1816a. 1. Each railroad corporation owning or operating a railroad in this state, shall be responsible in damages to every person and corporation whose property may be injured or destroyed by fire communicated directly or indirectly by locomotive engines, in use upon the railroad owned or operated by such railroad corporation, or by the burning of grass, weeds or rubbish on right of way by employes of such corporation, and each such railroad corporation shall have an insurable interest in the property upon the route of the railroad owned or operated by it, and may procure insurance thereon in its own behalf for its protection against such damages.

2. Whenever the property owned by any person or corporation shall be injured or destroyed by fire communicated by locomotive