

as is done by them under the supervision and direction of the government of the United States or by the special permit of the congress of the United States.

(See c. 245; c. 735.)

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 362.

AN ACT to create section 959w of the statutes, authorizing cities to ratify certain emergency contracts.

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 959w. The common council of any city, however incorporated, is authorized and empowered to ratify, validate and confirm by a majority vote of the members thereof, any contract, either written or oral, heretofore entered into or purported to be entered into by any officer or department of such city in the forming of which the proper proceedings may not have been regularly taken; provided, first, that the other contracting party has fully performed his share of said contract; second, that such contract in the judgment of the common council was made or was attempted to be made for an emergency purpose; and third, that such contract was one which the common council had authority to authorize; and the common council of any such city is authorized and empowered to ratify, validate and confirm all proceedings in relation thereto, and when so ratified and confirmed the obligation of such contract shall be as binding to all intents and purposes as if such contract had been regularly entered into.

The common council shall be the sole judge of the amount due, and no interest shall be allowed or considered.

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

Approved May 29, 1913.