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CHAPTER 276.

AN ACT to create sections 959—81o and 959—81p of the statutes, granting to cities the power to make appropriations to aid in the commercial and industrial development thereof.

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

SECTION 1. There are added to the statutes two new sections to read: Section 959—81o. The council of any city, however organized, which shall have adopted the provisions of this section, as provided in section 959—81p of the statutes, shall annually appropriate in cities of the first class not more than four thousand dollars, in cities of the second class not more than three thousand dollars, and in cities of the third and fourth classes not more than two thousand dollars, for the purpose of aiding and encouraging the location of manufacturing, industrial and commercial plants therein, and for other purposes designed to increase the population, taxable property and business prosperity of such city, and for the purpose of defraying the necessary incidental expenses incurred in relation thereto. Moneys so appropriated shall be expended by the council for such purposes.

Section 959—81p. 1. The question of adopting the provisions of section 959—81o of the statutes, shall be submitted to the electors by the city clerk at the regular spring election following the filing of a petition therefor with such clerk. Such petition shall be filed not less than twenty days prior to the day fixed by law for the holding of such election, and shall be signed by a number of electors of the city equal in number to at least twenty-five per cent of the total number of votes cast in the city for all candidates for governor at the last preceding regular election at which a governor was elected.

2. The question shall be submitted on separate ballots, which, when marked by the electors, shall be deposited in a separate ballot box. In all other respects the election on the question shall be noticed and conducted, the vote canvassed and the result declared in the manner provided by law for other elections. The ballots on such question shall be in substantially the following form:

“Shall the provisions of section 959—81o of the statutes, providing for an annual appropriation for commercial and industrial development, be adopted ?

For appropriation

Against appropriation

Mark an X in the square after the one you wish to vote for.”

3. If a majority of the votes cast on such question shall be in favor of making such appropriation, the provisions of said section 959—81o of the statutes shall thereby be adopted in said city, and the council of such city shall annually thereafter appropriate in cities of the first class not more than four thousand dollars, in cities of the second class not more than three thousand dollars, and in cities of the third and fourth classes not more than two thousand dollars, as provided in section 959—81o of the statutes, until the provisions of said section are rejected, as provided in this section.

4. The question of rejecting the provisions of section 959—81o of the statutes shall be submitted to the electors by the city clerk upon petition, as provided in subsection 1 of this section, and the election thereon shall be held as provided in subsection 2 of this section. If a majority of the votes cast on the question shall be against making such appropriations the provisions of said section shall thereby be rejected, and no appropriation shall thereafter be made under the provisions of said section.

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

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CHAPTER 277.

AN ACT to create section 4423c of the statutes, relating to the unauthorized wearing of badges, insignia and uniforms of any police department, and providing a penalty.

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 4423c. 1. Any person who shall wear the badge or insignia, or any imitation thereof, of any police department in this state, or use the same to obtain aid or assistance