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**CHAPTER 375**

AN ACT to create section 1809x of the statutes, relating to front and rear footboards on switch engines, and providing a penalty.

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

**SECTION 1.** A new section is added to the statutes to read: Section 1809x. 1. No railroad corporation operating fifty miles or more of track as a common carrier shall operate, or cause or permit to be run or operated, within this state, any engine assigned to yard switching service and not in exclusive transfer service which is not equipped with footboards on the front and rear ends. Road engines without footboards in yard service may be used for a period not to exceed twelve consecutive hours.

2. Any such common carrier violating any of the provisions of this section shall forfeit one hundred dollars for each and every such violation, to be recovered in a suit or suits brought in the name of the state by the attorney-general.

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

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**CHAPTER 376**

AN ACT to amend subsections 3 and 6 of section 943 of the statutes, relating to referendum on municipal bonds.

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

**SECTION 1.** Subsections 3 and 6 of section 943 of the statutes, are amended to read: (Section 943.) 3. The notice of such election shall recite the purpose thereof, state the amount of the bonds it is proposed to issue, the time and place of holding the election, and the hours at which the polls will be opened and closed. Such notice shall be signed by the town, city or village clerk and be published in one or more newspapers in the town, city or village *once in each week* for three weeks prior to the election; if no newspaper be published therein, such notice shall be posted in four of the most public places in the town, city or village, at least twenty days prior to the election.

6. If a majority of the ballots cast shall be in favor of issuing bonds, the chairman and clerk of the town, the mayor and

clerk of the city, or the president and clerk of the village, as the case may be, subject to the direction of the board or council, may issue bonds to the amount stated in the call, and sell or hypothecate the same for the purpose of raising money for the object stated in the notice of the election; but no bond shall be issued if a majority of the ballots cast shall be against the issue of the bonds, *nor shall any such bonds be issued after the expiration of three years following the date of such election. Provided, however, that where an action or proceeding is instituted in any court to determine the validity of the issue of any such bonds, approved by a majority of the electors of the town, city or village, proposing to issue such bonds, the time during which such action or proceeding is pending to determine the validity thereof shall not be considered as a part of such three years. Whenever a majority of the ballots cast shall be in favor of issuing bonds to a specified amount for any purpose, any prior election approving the issuance of bonds for the same purpose shall be no longer effective, except as to bonds authorized by the board or council, in pursuance of such former election prior to the subsequent election.*

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

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## CHAPTER 377

AN ACT to amend section 959w of the statutes, relating to municipal contracts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 959w of the statutes is amended 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, \* \* \* that the other contracting party has \* \* \* performed his share of said contract; \* \* \* and \* \* \* 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