

of said lands; and to sell timber thereon damaged by fire or wind. Such leases, licenses and sales shall conform to the requirements, so far as applicable, prescribed by chapter 282 laws of 1917 for the exercise by the conservation commission of similar powers affecting state park lands and state forest lands.

(2) In negotiating for such leases, licenses or sales, and in exercising the other powers conferred by this section the commissioners of the public lands shall, so far as they find it desirable and practicable, request and make proper use of such services and information as the conservation commission may be able to furnish.

SECTION 46. Chapter 22 of Wisconsin session laws of 1867, chapter 345 of Wisconsin session laws of 1899, chapter 458 of Wisconsin session laws of 1901, chapters 184 and 322 of Wisconsin session laws of 1905, chapters 143 and 407 of Wisconsin session laws of 1907, chapter 374 of Wisconsin session laws of 1909, chapters 184 and 452 of Wisconsin session laws of 1911 and chapter 597 of Wisconsin session laws of 1913 are added to section 4978 of the statutes at appropriate places according to their numbers and dates as further acts repealed by said section.

SECTION 47. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 455

AN ACT to amend section 952—52m of the statutes, relating to ornamental street lights.

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

SECTION 1. Section 959—52m of the statutes is amended to read: Section 959—52m. 1. Upon petition of the owners of * * * *one-half or more of the taxable frontage* * * * *on any* * * * *street or part thereof designated by the council of any city or village board of any village as an ornamental lighting district, praying for the installation and maintenance and lighting of an ornamental lighting system therein, the common council of* * * * *such city* * * * *or the village board of* * * * *such village is empowered to provide, by ordinance, for and may contract for the installation of ornamental posts, standards, or brackets along said* * * * *street or part thereof and for the lighting and maintenance of the*

same for a period of not less than one nor more than five years ; and may contract for such lighting and maintenance during additional one to five-year periods unless discontinued by the municipality on its own motion, or until discontinued upon a petition of the owners of * * * *one-half* or more of the taxable frontage concurred in by the municipality.

2. The words "frontage * * * *on any one block street or part thereof*" means the frontage on both sides of any street, highway, or public place between two * * * *designated limits*, * * *

3. Such ordinance shall apportion the cost of such installation, lighting and maintenance between the municipality and the abutting owners, *in such manner as the council or board may determine*, and may apportion separately the cost of installation, and the cost of maintenance and lighting, * * *

4. Such cost apportioned to the abutting owners shall be assessed against the property and collected from such owners in the manner provided for the collection of street improvement assessments, and the contract may provide either that the cost apportioned to the abutting owners shall be paid by the municipality to the contractor in anticipation of the collection of assessments, in which case the assessments shall belong to the municipality when collected, or may provide that said assessments shall be collected by the municipality and paid to the contractor when collected, and in the latter case improvement certificates may be issued to the contractor for the amount of such assessments, for the installation when completed, * * * in the manner of issuing certificates for street improvements.

5. The cost apportioned to the abutting owners shall be assessed to them, respectively, in the ratio of each owner's frontage to the entire frontage * * * *on the street or part thereof* covered by said petition.

6. The provisions hereof are applicable as to the lighting of streets, highways and public places by means of ornamental street lighting systems erected prior to the passage hereof, and to the maintenance of such systems.

7. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or repeal the provisions of sections 1797m—1 to 1797m—109, inclusive, or to limit the powers of the common council of any city or village board of any village to provide for the lighting of streets, highways, or public places by means of an ornamental system * * * when the common council of any such city or the village board of any such village may determine, on its own initiative, and without the petition of abutting lot owners, to

contract for the erection and maintenance of such ornamental lighting system and the furnishing of electric current therefor. *In all such cases, the council or village board, as the case may be, shall determine whether the entire cost of installation, maintenance and lighting shall be borne by the city or village or whether the cost of installation shall be borne by the abutting property owners and the cost of maintenance and lighting shall be borne by the city or village. The words "ornamental lighting system" as used herein shall mean lights of a uniform character supported by fixtures that are uniform and of such design as shall be adopted by the common council or village board, as the case may be, and installed at regular intervals not to exceed one hundred and twenty-five feet apart on both sides of any street or extending over the same forming an arch calculated to be of greater benefit to the abutting property than the street lights suspended at street intersections in the method commonly used for general street lighting.*

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

Approved June 20, 1917.

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CHAPTER 456

AN ACT to amend TITLE IV of the statutes relating to public lands, to amend certain sections of the statutes relating to that subject and to create a new chapter relating to the public domain, the commissioners of the public lands and the conservation commission.

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

SECTION 1. TITLE IV of the statutes is amended to read:

TITLE IV.

THE PUBLIC • • • DOMAIN AND THE TRUST FUNDS.

SECTION 2. A new chapter is added to the statutes to be numbered and entitled as follows:

CHAPTER 23.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE PUBLIC LANDS AND THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION.

And such new chapter shall contain the sections designated in this act as sections 23.01, 23.02, 23.03, 23.04, 23.05, 23.06, 23.07, 23.08, 23.09, 23.10, 23.11, 23.12, 23.13.