school for girls or hereafter committed thereto, in a suitable foster boarding home upon such terms and conditions as it shall determine and whenever it considers such course expedient. foster home shall be subject to the provisions of sections 48.35 to 48.42. The cost to the state of the maintenance of any such child so placed shall not exceed the average per capita cost of maintenance in the institution from which such child is placed. Bills for the cost of such care shall be payable monthly out of the proper operating funds and shall be audited as are other bills. The county of legal settlement shall be chargeable with the same rates and expenses as provided under section 48.17 and such charges shall be adjusted in the manner provided by section 46.10 the same as if the child were at the institution. The department shall have the right to visit, inspect and investigate such home and to return to the institution or to replace such child in another foster home whenever it deems it advisable or necessary.

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CHAPTER 252.

AN ACT to amend 66.06 (9) (b) 13 of the statutes, relating to public utilities.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

66.06 (9) (b) 13 of the statutes is amended to read:

66.06 (9) (b) 13 Any city, village or town now or hereafter owning and operating a waterworks system and having controlled and operated and managed such waterworks system * * * and which shall have expended moneys from its general fund or from the proceeds of its general obligation tax bonds, for the acquisition, construction, extension, improvement and operation of such waterworks system, or for any one or more of such purposes, may issue and sell waterworks mortgage bonds to procure funds to reimburse * * itself in an amount not exceeding the total amount of * * such expenditures not theretofore reimbursed, and the findings by the governing body of any such municipality of the amount of such expenditures so to be reimbursed by the issue of such bonds shall be conclusive,

and such bonds shall be issued and secured in the same manner and with like effect as provided in this section. In lieu of the sale of such bonds and delivery of the proceeds thereof as hereinbefore provided, such bonds may be issued by delivery to the general fund of such city, village or town on the basis of par. Such bonds so delivered may be sold at any time thereafter or from time to time as the governing body of such city, village or town may see fit.

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CHAPTER 253.

AN ACT to amend 322.01 (1) of the statutes, relating to persons who may present petitions for adoptions.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

322.01 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

322.01 (1) Any adult inhabitant of this state may present a petition to the county court in the county of his residence for leave to adopt a child * * *; or any nonresident of the state who is related to the child, may present a petition for leave to adopt a child in the county court for the county in which the child resides; but no such petition by a married person shall be granted unless the husband or wife shall join therein excepting that when such petitioner shall be married to the natural father or mother of such child then such joinder by such father or mother shall be deemed unnecessary.

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