

CHAPTER 254.

[Published March 23, 1874.]

AN ACT to authorize the judge of the 8th judicial circuit to change the time of holding court.

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

Judge may alter time for holding court.

To publish his order.

SECTION 1. It shall be lawful for the circuit judge in the eighth judicial circuit of this state, to alter the time for holding terms of the court in the county of St. Croix, in said circuit, by order to be made by him and published in one or more newspapers of general circulation in such circuit, sixty days before such order shall take effect: *provided*, that this act shall not authorize the diminution of the number of terms of court as now prescribed by law to be held annually in each of the counties in said circuit.

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

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CHAPTER 255.

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AN ACT in relation to building town halls.

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

SECTION 1. The qualified electors in the several townships in this state are hereby authorized to determine by vote at any legal town meeting or election hereafter to be held, whether they are in favor or not of uniting the moneys of said town (raised or to be raised) with the moneys of any other legal corporation doing business in said town, for the purpose of purchasing or building a hall or other buildings for the use of said town and said corporation: *provided*, that previous notice of submitting this question to a vote of the electors has been given as hereinafter provided.

Town clerk, duty of.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the town clerk, whenever a request in writing, signed by twelve free-

holders of the town, delivered to him twenty days before the holding of any town meeting or election, to cause a notice to be posted up at five of the most public places in said town at least fifteen days before the holding of said town meeting or election, which said notice shall be in effect as follows:

Notice is hereby given, that upon the written application of twelve freeholders of this town, that at an election to be held in this town at — upon the — day of —, the question of uniting the moneys of this town with the moneys of (name the corporation), for the purpose of building or purchasing a hall or building for the use of this town and above named (name of corporation).

Form of notice.

Dated this — day of —, A. D. —.

— —, Town Clerk.

SECTION 3. When notice, as provided for in section two of this act, has been given by the town clerk, every qualified elector may vote at such election a separate ballot, on which shall be the following words, and also the name of the corporation with whom it is proposed to unite: "For uniting the moneys of this town with the moneys of (here insert the name of corporation), Yes," or "For uniting the moneys of this town with the moneys of (here insert the name of corporation), No," which ballots shall be counted and canvassed as other ballots are canvassed.

Votes of electors how taken.

SECTION 4. Whenever a majority of the votes cast at such election shall be in favor of uniting the moneys of the town with the moneys of the corporation named on said ballots, it shall be the duty of the supervisors of the town to enter into a written agreement or contract with the trustees of said corporation, binding said corporation to pay all the extra expense (if any) by reason of said building being built larger or better or more expensive for the benefit of said corporation, and also providing that in any case, said corporation shall pay one half of the cost of said building.

Supervisors to make contract.

SECTION 5. Whenever any town shall unite with another corporation as provided for in this act, the supervisors and town clerk of said town and three trustee of said corporation shall become a board of directors, and shall have the control and management of said building and make all necessary rules and regulations as to the size and occupancy of the same, the keeping in repair and insuring of said hall.

Board of directors, of whom composed.

Their duties.

SECTION 6. Any town that shall by vote as hereinbefore provided, determine to unite its moneys with the moneys of any other corporation for the purpose

Authorized to borrow money.

of building or purchasing a town hall as herein provided, or for building or buying a building, for the exclusive use of such town, is hereby authorized to borrow money for such purpose, and to make and issue the bonds of said town running for such length of time, and bearing such rate of interest, not exceeding ten per cent. per annum as the electors of said town may determine.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 256.

[Published March 24, 1874.]

AN ACT to authorize the city of Racine to construct bridges across Root river.

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

Authorized to build a bridge across Root river.

SECTION 1. The city council of the city of Racine are hereby authorized to erect a draw or turn bridge across Root river, to commence at or near the north end of Main street, in the 1st ward of said city, to some convenient point on the north side of said river in the 4th ward of said city. Also to erect a draw or turn bridge across said river from Marquette street, in the 5th ward, to connect with Mead street, in the 6th ward of said city.

To build a draw bridge.

Size of draw.

SECTION 2. Said bridges shall be erected with a draw or swing, with a space on each side of the turn table, sufficient to admit with ease and facility, the passage of the largest class of vessels and steamers.

Funds how raised

SECTION 3. The funds necessary to erect said bridges (after what can be obtained by the voluntary subscription of the citizens), shall be raised by taxation upon all the taxable property of the city, to be levied and collected as other taxes in said city are levied and collected.

Duty of city council.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of said city council, when said bridges are completed, to keep at all seasons of navigation sufficient manual force to open and close the same so as to admit the passage of vessels and other water craft with the least possible delay.