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Approved March 13, 1876.

## CHAPTER 377.

[Published April 4, 1876].

**AN ACT** to amend section four, of chapter two hundred and fifty-nine, laws of 1874, entitled, "An act to authorize Samuel L. Serene to keep and maintain a ferry on the Mississippi river."

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

**SECTION 1.** Section four, of chapter two hundred and fifty-nine, laws of 1874, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 4. The said Samuel L. Serene shall, within two years and three months after the passage of this act, file or cause to be filed with the register of deeds of Pepin county, his bond executed to said county in the penal sum of one thousand dollars, with two or more sufficient sureties, to be approved by the chairman of the county board of supervisors, conditioned that he will faithfully fulfill all the duties required of him by this act; and in case of his failure so to do, he shall forfeit all the rights and privileges secured to him by the passage of this act. Amended.  
Bond for faithful performance of duty to be filed.

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

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## CHAPTER 378.

[Published April 7, 1876.]

**AN ACT** to amend chapter sixteen, private and local laws of 1872, entitled, "An act to incorporate the city of Eau Claire."

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

**SECTION 1.** Section two, of chapter two, of chapter sixteen, of the private and local laws of 1872, entitled, Amended.

Election of  
city and ward  
officers.

“An act to incorporate the city of Eau Claire,” is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section two. The qualified voters of the city of Eau Claire shall hold an election on the fourth Tuesday of February, 1877, and annually thereafter for the election of city and ward officers. Said election shall be held in the several wards for the officers herein designated, and shall be presided over by the aldermen and justice of the peace in the respective wards, or in case of the absence or disability of either, the voters present at the hour of opening the polls shall elect, *viva voce*, a sufficient number of inspectors to make three, with the alderman or aldermen or justice present, who shall be severally sworn, in accordance with the laws of this state. Such inspectors shall appoint two clerks of the election, who before entering upon the discharge of their duties, as such clerks, shall also be severally sworn in accordance with the laws of this state; and such inspectors shall see the names of the voters registered, and the ballots safely deposited in the ballot box, shall decide all questions that may arise as to the legality of the votes presented, shall count the ballots at the close of the polls, and shall certify and seal two returns, and the day following the election shall direct and return one of the said returns to the city clerk of said city, the other to the county clerk of the county of Eau Claire. The mayor of the city and such members of the common council as shall hold over, shall constitute a board of canvassers, who shall within five days after such election, meet at the office of the city clerk, and canvass said returns, and after the aforesaid returns have been canvassed by said board, the mayor shall notify, by a certificate, the persons elected to the respective offices. The polls shall be kept open, in the respective wards, from nine o'clock in the forenoon, until five o'clock in the afternoon. Said elections shall be conducted in accordance with this act, and of the existing laws of this state, and any frauds or violation of said laws, at such elections, shall be punishable in the same manner as any violation of the election laws, in any part of the state.

Canvass and  
return of votes.

Amended.

Confinement of  
offenders.

SECTION 2. Section twenty-four, of chapter eleven, of said chapter sixteen, of the private and local laws of 1872, entitled, “An act to incorporate the city of Eau Claire,” is hereby amended by adding thereto the following, viz: *Provided, however*, that the common council of said city may, by ordinance, designate a place or places, within the limits of said city, for the

confinement of offenders violating any of the ordinances or by-laws of said city of Eau Claire.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 13, 1876.

## CHAPTER 379.

[Published April 7, 1876.]

AN ACT in relation to the lands granted by congress to the state to aid in the building of railways.

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

SECTION 1. Every conveyance by the State of Wisconsin to any railway company, of lands granted by congress to the state to aid in the construction of the railway which said railway company has constructed, shall be deemed in law to convey, not only the title of the state in and to said lands, but all cause or causes of action for or on account of trespasses committed by any person or persons, corporation or corporations, upon said lands prior to the conveyance to said railway company; *provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to interfere with any litigation now pending in which the state is a party plaintiff, to recover for any trespasses committed upon lands prior to their conveyance to any railroad company; *and provided further*, that this act shall not be applicable to any such lands the title to which is in litigation.

Title of land to include causes of action for trespass prior to conveyance.

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