

duced by said levy has come to his hands to pay such order.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 269.

AN ACT to amend section 1319, of Sanborn and Berryman's annotated statutes of Wisconsin, relating to county aid for bridges.

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

Relating to
the repair of
bridges by the
county board
of supervisors.

SECTION 1. Section 1319, of Sanborn and Berryman's annotated statutes of Wisconsin is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 1319. Whenever the town board of supervisors of any town shall file its petition with the county board of supervisors of the county in which such town is situated, setting forth the facts that said town has voted to construct or repair any bridge, wholly or partly within such town, designating, as near as may be, the location of such bridge, and further stating that such town has provided for the payment of one-half of the cost of such construction or repairs, and that the cost of each bridge, or repairs of each bridge, exceeds one-fourth of one per centum of all the taxable property in said town according to the last equalized valuation, the said county board shall appropriate the other half of such cost and cause such sum to be levied

upon the taxable property of the county as will, with the amount provided by said town, be sufficient to defray the expense of erecting or repairing each bridge so petitioned for, and such money, when collected, shall be paid out on the order of the chairman of the county board and county clerk, whenever the said town shall notify them that the work has been completed and accepted. The county board shall, at the time of acting upon such petition or petitions, designate two of its members who shall act as its commissioners, and who shall co-operate with the supervisors of such town; and the supervisor of such town and the said commissioners from the county board shall have full charge and authority to act in the letting, inspecting and acceptance of the work; provided, however, that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to prohibit any county from constructing or repairing any bridge in such county if it shall so desire; and in case the whole of the cost of the construction or repairs of any bridge or bridges is to be borne by any county, or in case any county shall arrange with such town so as to assume and have exclusive charge of such work, then the county board may direct the letting, inspecting and acceptance of such work in such manner as it may deem proper; provided, however, that nothing in this act contained shall, in any manner, authorize the levy of any tax upon the property in any incorporated city or village that maintains its own bridges, and as to any such cities or villages this act shall not apply; provided, however, that no more than two mills on the dollar of the equalized valuation of the property in any county shall be levied for the aforesaid purpose, and for all other county bridges, shall be levied in any one year, and that no order shall be drawn on account of such levy, except upon the certificate of the county treasurer that the money produced by said levy has come to his hands to pay such order.

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

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CHAPTER 270.

AN ACT to authorize the construction and operation of telegraph, telephone or electric light and power lines within the limits of public highways.

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

Relating to the construction of telegraph, telephone or electric wires on country roads.

SECTION 1. Section 1, of chapter 84, of the laws of 1895, is hereby amended by striking out the word "or," where it occurs in the fourth line of said section, and inserting after the word "telephone," where it occurs in the fourth line of said section, the words "electric wires for the purpose of transmitting light or power," so that said section 1, when so amended shall read as follows: Section 1. Any person or persons may, with the written consent of the supervisors of the town, construct and operate a line of telegraph, telephone, or electric wires for the purpose of transmitting light or power along and within the limits of any highway, subject to the restrictions and conditions contained in section 2, of this act.

Relating to the setting of posts, poles, etc., on country roads for telegraph, telephone or electric wire.

SECTION 2. Section 2, of said chapter 84, is hereby amended by striking out the word "or," where it occurs in the second line of said section 2, and inserting after the word "telegraph," where it occurs in said second line of said sec-