

congressional district; provided, however, that where two normal schools are located in one congressional district there may be two regents in such district. The governor shall fill all vacancies by appointment, and in case of a vacancy before the expiration of a term, the appointment shall be for the residue of the term only.

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

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## CHAPTER 167.

AN ACT to amend chapter 264 of the laws of 1899 creating a pension fund for members of the fire department in cities of the first class.

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

**Funds by whom set aside and retained.** SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 264 of the laws of 1889 is hereby amended by striking out the word "treasurers" where it occurs at the end of the seventh line of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the words "common council and comptrollers," and by striking out the following words commencing in the eighth line of said section 1 to whom the same shall be paid as a fund," and inserting in lieu thereof "and retained and set apart by the treasurers of such cities, so that said section when amended shall read as follows: Section 1. In all cities of the first class within this state having paid fire departments two-thirds of all sums collected or received by the treasurers of such cities, under requirements of the charters of such cities relating to and providing for the taxation of fire insurance companies or agents, shall be set apart by the common council and comptrollers of such cities and retained and set apart by the treasurers of such cities for the pensioning of disabled and superannuated members of fire departments and of the widows and orphans of deceased members thereof, and the treasurers of such cities shall be *ex-officio* treasurers of such fund.

**Powers of board restricted.** SECTION 2. Section 4 of chapter 264 of the laws of 1899 is hereby amended by striking out the following part thereof commencing at the end of line thirteenth, and the decision of such board on such application shall be final and conclusive and not subject to review or reversal except by the board," so that said section when amended shall read as follows: Section 4. Said board shall have exclusive control and management of the fund mentioned in this act and all money donated, paid or assessed for the relief or pensioning of disabled, superannuated or retired members of the fire department, their widows and children, the same to be placed by the treasurers of such city to the credit of such fund subject to the orders of such board. The said board shall make all the needful rules and regulations for its government in the discharge of its duties and for the control of such fund; and shall hear and decide all applications for relief or pensions under this act. The board shall cause to be kept by its secretary a record of all its meetings and proceedings.

**Revision of pensions.** SECTION 3. Section 9 of chapter 264 of the laws of 1899 is hereby amended by striking out the word "thirty" at the end of the twenty-first line of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the word "twenty-five," and by striking out the word "twenty-five where the same occurs in the twenty-fifth line of said section 9 and inserting in lieu thereof the word "thirty."

**Pensions on retirement.** SECTION 4. Section 10 of said chapter 264 of the laws of 1899 is hereby amended by striking out the words "after becoming fifty years of age and" in the second and third line of said section and by striking out the words "of which the last two shall be continuous" in the fourth and fifth line thereof and by striking out the following of said section 10 commencing with line seven "and if after a medical examination ordered by said board such member shall be found incapacitated for performing active service in such department he may be retired," so that said section when amended shall read as follows: Section 10. Any member of the fire department of any such city having served twenty-two years or more in such department, may make application to said board to be retired from such department or he may be retired by the said board of its own motion; in either which case the said board shall order and direct that such member shall be paid a monthly pension according to his grade as set forth in the foregoing table. The said board upon the recommendation of the chief engineer shall have the power to assign any member retired or drawing a pension to the

performance of light duties in such department when in their judgment it shall be advisable. No person shall be entitled to receive any benefit from any such fund other than that prescribed by this act and in no event shall any allowance be paid to any widow after her remarriage or to any minor child after it attains the age of sixteen years.

SECTION 5. This act shall be in force and effect from and after its passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 168.

AN ACT to provide for the cataloging and library distribution of public documents by the Wisconsin free library commission, and otherwise extending and defining the duties of said commission, and making an appropriation therefor, and adding sections 373c, 373d, 373e, 373f, 373g, 373h, and 373i, to the statutes of 1898.

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

**To make check list of public documents; distribution by commission; to maintain library in capitol; printing for commission; additions to library; appropriation.** SECTION 1. New sections are hereby added to the statutes of 1898, to be known as sections 373c, 373d, 373e, 373f, 373g, 373h, and 373i, which shall read as follows: Section 373c. The Wisconsin free library commission is hereby authorized and directed to make an explanatory check list of the several public documents of the state, including all reports, circulars and bulletins issued by the various state departments, boards and commissions, and to publish this list, and supplementary lists as they may be required, in such form and with such notes as to show the scope and purpose of such publication; to assist state officers, members of the legislature, and other citizens who are studying the growth and development of the affairs and institutions of this state; also to assist the public libraries in the state, in completing files of such