

which shall destroy, disturb or injure the wires, poles or other property of any telegraph, telephone, electric railway, electric light or electric power company transacting business in this state, without first giving to such company, at its office nearest to such place of injury, at least twenty-four hours' previous notice thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not more than thirty days or by fine not exceeding fifty dollars. And any person who shall unlawfully break down, interrupt or remove any telegraph, telephone, electric railway, electric light or electric power line or wire or destroy disturb, in terfere with or injure the wires, poles or other property of any telegraph, telephone, electric railway, electric light or electric power company in this state shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not more than three months or by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

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

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## CHAPTER 285.

AN ACT to amend section 428a of the statutes of 1898, relating to the rights of women to vote at elections pertaining to school matters, and providing separate ballot boxes therefor.

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

**Qualifications necessary for women to vote; separate ballot boxes for.** SECTION 1. Section 428a of the statutes of 1898 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following: "Separate ballot boxes shall be furnished at every election precinct in this state at every primary, general, municipal or special election for the use of women desiring to vote on said school matters, and separate ballots shall also be provided at said elections for the use of said women." So that when amended, said section shall read as follows: "Section 428a. Every woman who is a citizen of this state, of the age of twenty-one years or upwards (except paupers, persons under guardianship, and persons otherwise excluded by

section two of article three of the constitution of Wisconsin), who has resided within the state one year, and in the election district where she offers to vote, ten days next preceding any election pertaining to school matters shall have a right to vote at such election. Separate ballot boxes shall be furnished at every election precinct in this state at every primary, general, municipal or special election for the use of women desiring to vote on said school matters, and separate ballots shall also be provided at said elections for the use of said women."

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

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## CHAPTER 286.

AN ACT to relieve the city of New Richmond, Wisconsin, from its indebtedness to the trust funds and making an appropriation therefor.

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

**Appropriation from general fund.** SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of twenty-one thousand five hundred dollars for the purpose of relieving the city of New Richmond of its indebtedness to the state trust funds incurred after the tornado of June 12, 1899, which destroyed a large part of said city.

**Transfer to trust fund account.** SECTION 2. The state treasurer shall transfer to the trust fund account the amount appropriated by this act, and the trust fund commissioners shall thereupon cancel a like amount of the indebtedness of said city of New Richmond.

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

Approved May 3, 1901.