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CHAPTER 119.

AN ACT to amend subdivision 31, section 925—52, statutes of 1898, as amended, relating to the control of cities over streets and alleys.

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

SECTION 1. Subdivision 31 of section 925—52, statutes of 1898, as amended by chapter 326, laws of 1905, is amended to read:

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

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CHAPTER 120.

AN ACT to create section 1299h—1, statutes of 1898, relating to railway crossings.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes of 1898 a new section to read:

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Approved May 21, 1907.

(In effect July 1, 1907.)

Confirmation of appointments. SECTION 925—38b. The appointments to public office by the mayor of all cities shall be subject to confirmation by the common council, unless otherwise provided by law. An appointee to any office rejected by the common council shall be ineligible for appointment to the same office for one year thereafter.

(Ch. 493, 1907.)

Common council to fill vacancies in mayoralty and council. SECTION 925—40m. In cities of the second, third and fourth classes, where a vacancy shall occur in the office of mayor by reason of his death, resignation or permanent removal from the city, the council shall forthwith proceed to fill such vacancy, by the election of a qualified elector of the said city to hold such office until the first Tuesday in April succeeding when the vacancy shall be filled by an election. If the person so elected is a member of the common council the vacancy thus created in the common council shall be filled by a majority of the council and the appointee to hold until the first Tuesday in April succeeding, when the vacancy shall be filled by an election.

(Ch. 12, 1907.)

Style of ordinances; unfinished business. SECTION 925—49a. In cities of the first class the aldermen elected from the various wards and the aldermen at large, when elected in any city, shall constitute the common council and the style of all ordinances shall be "the common council of the city of—— do ordain." The common council shall be a continuing body, and unfinished business pending before it shall not lapse or go down with the council year, but all pending business before the common council, or any committee thereof, at the termination of any council year, shall be considered as pending before the common council of the next succeeding council year, or the corresponding committee thereof, and may be acted upon and disposed of by the council of such succeeding year as if no change in the council had taken place, by the expiration of a council year.

(Ch. 190, 1907.)

Cities of 5,000, or over, may order wires under ground. [SECTION 925—52.] 31. To establish and alter the grade of streets and sidewalks; regulate the manner of using the streets

and pavements; protect the same from injury by vehicles used thereon; require standard sidewalks to be laid upon such street or streets or part thereof as it may prescribe; declare any sidewalk or part thereof unsafe, defective or insufficient, and that the same be removed and replaced with a new standard sidewalk or one as good as the standard, to be approved by the board of public works, at the expense of the owner or owners of the lots or parcels of land abutting upon that portion of the street or streets upon which said sidewalk is ordered to be built or removed, and cause the expense thereof incurred by the city in front of each said abutting lot or parcel of land to be charged to such lot or parcel of land as a special tax and collected like other city taxes upon real estate; all proceedings as to the construction of sidewalks and the collection of the cost thereof to conform to the provisions of sections 925—201 to 925—207 inclusive; and to establish districts in cities of the first, second and third classes *and in all cities of the fourth class having a population, according to the last state or federal census of five thousand inhabitants or over*, within which all electric light or power, telephone, telegraph or other wires may in the same ordinance establishing such districts be ordered to be placed under ground and all poles now or hereafter used to support such wires shall be removed from the streets in such districts, and to provide a penalty for the violation of the provisions of such ordinance.

(Ch. 119, 1907.)

Cities, 1st class; additional ordinance power; boulevards, water rates, docks, bonds. [SECTION 925—52.] 69. In cities of the first class the common council shall have power by ordinance duly passed in addition to the powers now possessed,

(a) To declare certain streets, boulevards and thoroughfares and to limit the use thereof; to prohibit heavily laden wagons or other conveyances from passing, being hauled or propelled thereon. All streets heretofore declared by law, boulevards, and the use thereof limited, shall continue as such until the acts designating the same as such are repealed.

(b) In such cities owning or which may hereafter own water-works, by ordinance adopted by a two-thirds vote of all the members elect, to fix uniform rates to be paid for the use of water furnished by such city.

(c) To establish public docks and to regulate the use of the same.