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CHAPTER 256.

AN ACT to amend sections 4, 5 and 10, chapter 363, laws of 1905, and making the same sections 990—4, 990—5 and 990—10, statutes of 1898, relating to civil service in the state of Wisconsin, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 4, 5 and 10, chapter 363, laws of 1905, are amended and made sections of the statutes 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 257.

AN ACT to create section 4560a—1, statutes of 1898, relating to fishing in outlying waters.

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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(In effect July 1, 1907.)

fourth class, whether operating under special or general charter, may, by resolution, direct that the sprinkling and cleaning of streets and such other public work as may be determined upon, shall be performed by the city under the direction of the board of public works, or such person or body performing the duties of such board.

(Ch. 253, 1907.)

Purchase of equipment. SECTION 959m—2. Such cities may purchase all necessary and proper equipment to properly carry on such work.

(Ch. 253, 1907.)

Expense: special levy for. SECTION 959m—3. Whenever any such public work is performed by the city, as hereinbefore provided, the cost thereof shall be paid for in the same manner as such work would have been paid for had it been performed by any person contracting with the city, and the power to levy special assessments to defray the cost and expense thereof shall be the same as now provided for by special or general charter, and all rules governing the assessment and collection thereof shall apply.

(Ch. 253, 1907.)

Municipal officers: public utility contractors and stockholders ineligible. SECTION 976s. No person shall be eligible to any town, village or city office who directly or indirectly has any pecuniary interest in any contract for furnishing heat, light, water, power or other public service to or for such town, village or city or the inhabitants thereof, or who is a stockholder in any corporation which has any such contract.

(Ch. 638, 1907.)

Any such office shall become vacant upon the acquiring of any such interest by the person holding such office.

(Sec. 2, Ch. 638, 1907.)

Civil service commission: stenographer's salary; additional clerks and examiners. SECTION 990—4. The civil service commission may elect one of its members present, and may employ a chief examiner, who shall be ex-officio secretary, at a salary of \$2,500 per year, a stenographer at *not to exceed*

* * * \$840 per year, and may employ such additional clerks or examiners as may be necessary. * * * Said employes shall be paid necessary expenses actually incurred in the discharge of their official duties. The commissioners may designate persons in or out of the official service of the state or of any city or county who shall, if in the service, with the consent of the head of department or office in which such person serves, act as local examiner. Such persons in the official service in the performance of such duties as the commission shall direct, shall be under the direct and sole control of the commission, and their duties shall be considered part of the duties of the office in which they are serving, and time shall be allowed therefor during office hours and no extra compensation shall be paid such officers for such service.

(Ch. 256, 1907.)

Annual appropriation; local examiners' pay. SECTION 990—5. The commission shall be provided with suitable office accommodations in the capitol building at Madison, and it shall be the duty of the officials having control of municipal and county buildings to furnish convenient offices and rooms for examinations, and necessary furniture, heat and light, for the accommodation of local examiners and registrars upon requisition by the commission. The commission shall be furnished by the state superintendent of public property with stationery, printing, supplies, postage and an official seal, and other articles which it may require. All salaries, expenses and disbursements of the commissioners and their subordinates and employes, shall be paid out of the state treasury, as the salaries and expenses of other state officers are paid, and a sum sufficient to carry out the provisions of this act not exceeding the sum of * * * *twelve thousand dollars per annum, is hereby appropriated, of which sum \$2,000 is specifically set aside for the compensation of local examiners.*

(Ch. 256, 1907.)

County examinations at one or more points; supplementary technical tests. SECTION 990—10. All examinations for positions in the classified service shall be practical in character, and shall relate to those matters which will fairly test the capacity and fitness of the persons examined to discharge the duties of the office or employment sought by them, giving due allowance for experience in the same or similar positions.

The competitive examinations shall be free and open to all applicants who are citizens of the United States and of the state of Wisconsin, and who shall have fulfilled the preliminary requirements stated in section 11 of this act and shall be held at such times and places as shall, in the judgment of the commission, most nearly meet the convenience of applicants and the needs of the service. Examinations of a technical or special character, or where requirements are peculiarly within the knowledge of the office, institution or department in which appointment is to be made, shall be proposed by the incumbent of such office or head of such institution or department, or by persons having knowledge and experience in the same or similar employments. It is the declared policy of the state that under the operation of this act there shall be a fair distribution throughout the state of persons accepted for the classified service, and to that end examinations shall be held simultaneously at *at least one convenient point in each county of the state* * * * *but the commission may require candidates who have satisfied the preliminary and written requirements, to undergo a supplementary examination in cases where tests for manual skill or use of instruments in constructive work may be necessary, at one or more designated places in the state.*

(CH. 256, 1907.)

Repeal, except as to register of deeds. SECTION 1007, 1007a, 1008 and 1009 of the statutes are hereby repealed; but registers of deeds shall make reports for the year 1907 in accordance with said sections 1007, 1007a and 1008 upon blanks to be furnished under said section 1009, and shall be compensated therefor, the same as if the provisions hereby repealed were continued in full force.

(Sec. 1, Ch. 522, 1907.)

Realty sales and valuations: tax commissioner to collect statistics; excluded data. SECTION 1007. It shall be the duty of the tax commission to collect from time to time statistics of recorded sales of real estate in each county and of the assessed valuation of the lands included in such sales. In collecting such statistics, sales appearing to be made for a nominal consideration or as to which the true consideration is not stated and cannot be readily ascertained, and those in which the description of lands does not substantially correspond or cannot