

society for the purpose of coloring the walls and completing the painting of the interior woodwork of said building, as originally designed; and not to exceed four hundred and nine dollars shall be expended by said society for the purpose of reconstructing the cement floor in the basement of said building, to accord with the original designs of the building commissioners. The society may also use such portion of the money appropriated in section one of this act as they may deem proper to set aside for that purpose, in making such alterations and permanent improvements in the state historical library building as will add to its bookstorage capacity. Provided, that all contracts and specifications for work and materials shall be approved by the governor, and that all expenditures therefor shall, when certified to by the secretary and superintendent of the society, be audited by the secretary of state as state auditor.

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

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## CHAPTER 536.

AN ACT to create section 940j—41 to 940j—44, inclusive, statutes of 1898, authorizing cities to compel common use of street railway tracks by two street or electric railway companies.

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

SECTION 1. There are added to the statutes of 1898, four new sections to read:

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(In effect from and after date of publication.)

and the supervision, construction, furnishing, care and custody of the building or rooms constructed, leased or set apart for library purposes; and such moneys shall be drawn from the treasury upon the properly authenticated vouchers of the library board, signed by the president and secretary, without being otherwise audited. The librarian shall be the custodian of all vouchers, bills and other financial records pertaining to the library.

4. They may appoint a librarian and assistants and any janitor or other necessary employe, prescribe rules for their conduct and fix their compensation.

5. *The board of directors of any free library and reading room established under this act shall have power to employ competent persons to deliver lectures upon scientific, literary, historical or educational subjects and they may co-operate with the university of Wisconsin or the free library commission or boards of education to secure such lectures, or by other means, to foster and encourage the wider use of books and literature upon scientific, historical, economic, literary, educational and other useful subjects.*

(Ch. 307, 1907.)

**Street railway: parallel tracks owned separately; cities may require joint use.** SECTION 940j—41. If any city grants, or shall have granted, to each of two street or electric railroad companies, the right to build or operate a railroad upon any portion of any street, alley, bridge or public highway in such city, and each of said two companies shall have built or acquired a track upon which it is operating cars in both directions, then it shall be within the power of the common council of such city to require by ordinance, that the two companies shall jointly use such two tracks, and upon the expiration of ninety days after the passage and publication of such ordinance neither of said companies shall operate cars upon its own track except in one direction, which is determined by said ordinance.

(Ch. 536, 1907.)

**Companies' procedure looking to joint use.** SECTION 940j—42. Any such street or electric railroad corporation which is so operated upon one of the tracks on any such street, alley, bridge or public way, shall have the power to take or acquire, by con-

demnation or otherwise, the right to enter upon and run its cars over the track, or tracks, of such other street or electric railway corporation heretofore or hereafter constructed on such portion of any such street, alley, bridge or public highway upon such terms as may be mutually agreed upon, and if the corporations do not agree upon the manner and conditions of such entry and use, or the terms and compensation to be made, the same, having reference to the conveniences and necessity of the corporations and of the public, shall be determined by commissioners to be appointed by the court as is provided in chapter 87 of the statutes of 1898 in respect to acquiring title to real estate by railroad corporations, and on an appeal from the determination and award of such commissioners to the circuit court, as provided by said chapter, such court shall have power to review, reverse, modify or affirm such award, both as to the amount of compensation therein made, and as to the manner, terms and conditions of such entry and use.

(Ch. 536, 1907.)

**Appeal not to delay use.** SECTION 940j—43. The appeal herein authorized shall not prevent the entry and use of said tracks by the petitioning electric railway company, in the manner determined by the commissioners, upon the filing of such determination and award with the clerk of the circuit court and the payment of the compensation awarded, as and when the same become due to such street or electric railway company, or to the clerk of court for its benefit.

(Ch. 536, 1907.)

**Poles and span wires; joint use.** SECTION 940j—44. Any such street or electric railroad company shall have a right to construct and maintain feed and trolley wires on the poles and span wires of the company on such portions of said street, alley, bridge and public highway, and the compensation for the use of such poles and wires shall be fixed as above provided for the use of tracks; or in case conduits or other methods of placing or carrying wires for power are used, the said conduits or other methods may be used for placing or carrying the feed wires for power.

(Ch. 536, 1907.)

**Municipal bonds: popular vote on issue; twenty years limit; tax to redeem.** SECTION 943. 1. No bonds shall in