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**CHAPTER 416.**

AN ACT to create section 373am of the statutes, relating to the school of library science.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes a new section to read: Section 373am. 1. The school of library science created by chapter 377 of the laws of 1905 shall hereafter be known as the school of library science of the university.

2. The regents of the university are hereby authorized to cooperate with the free library commission in the maintenance of the library school and to aid the school by appropriation out of the funds of the university such sums as will aid in securing specialized teaching and equipment for said school and otherwise to aid said school in such manner as will conduce to the development of said school and of library science in the state.

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

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**CHAPTER 417.**

AN ACT to create sections 925—90b and 925—90c of the statutes, relating to the letting of contracts for public work and improvements.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes two new sections to read:

Section 925—90b. Whenever in any city of the first class in this state, however incorporated, any public work or improvement of any kind whatsoever shall have been ordered to be done, whether such work is chargeable in whole or in part to such city, or to any ward or wards therein, or to any lot or lots or parcels of land therein, such public work or improvement may be done by the use of a patented article, material or process, in whole or in part, or in combination with articles, materials, or processes not patented, and any bid accepted or contract let for such work or improvement shall be as valid and bind-

ing as if no patented article, material or process had been used; provided, however, said city shall have obtained from the owner of said patented article, materials or process, before advertising for bids thereon, a binding agreement to furnish to any contractor, desiring to bid upon such work as a whole, the right to use said patented article, materials and processes in the construction of said work, and also to furnish to any contractor said patented article itself upon the payment of what the authorities of said city charged with the duty of letting a contract for such public work or improvement shall determine to be a reasonable price therefor, which price shall be publicly stated and furnished upon application to any contractor desiring to bid on said work.

Section 925—90c. Any such city at its option may, in providing for any such public work or improvement to be done, and before calling for bids thereon, through its proper authorities adopt different plans and specifications requiring the use of different kinds of materials for the proposed work or improvements to be made, whether patented or not, thereby bringing one kind of article, material or process in competition with one or more other kinds of articles, materials or processes designed to accomplish the same general purpose, and call for bids for each such kind of article, material or process, and thereafter let a contract for one kind of article, material or process, provided, that before any contract is let the bids received on all the different kinds of articles, materials or processes for which plans or specifications were prepared and upon which bids were called for shall be received, opened and considered before the kind of article or process to be used in such work or improvement shall be decided upon by the proper city authorities, and thereupon the proper city authorities shall first determine which kind of article, material or process shall be used in the work to be done, and thereafter and thereupon the contract shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder for the kind of article, material or process so selected for use in the proposed public work or improvement.

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

Approved June 15, 1909.