

No. 427, S.]

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CHAPTER 361.

AN ACT to amend section 747a of the statutes, relating to fees of county officers.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 747a of the statutes is amended to read: (Section 747a) The county board of any county in this state may, by resolution, change the method of compensating the clerk of the circuit court, his deputies and clerks from fees, now provided by law, to salaries, and shall at the same time fix the amounts of the salaries to be paid the clerk of the circuit court to be elected during the ensuing year, his deputies and clerks, and the number thereof to be appointed by the clerk of the circuit court, and paid by the county; provided, that whenever any county board so changes the method of compensating the clerk of the circuit court, his deputies and clerks, their salaries, and the number thereof, the same shall remain and be the salaries of the clerk of the circuit court, his deputies and clerks, during the term of the clerk of the circuit court. And the county board of such county, shall, thereafter at their annual meeting preceding the election of the clerk of the circuit court fix the amounts of the salaries of the clerk of the circuit court to be elected and his deputies and clerks, and the number thereof, for the term; provided, that the county board may at any meeting during the term of office of any such clerk of court provide for the employment of such additional clerks or deputies as may be needed to properly conduct the work of the clerk's office. Such salaries shall be paid at the end of each month, and the clerk of the circuit court shall keep accurate books of account in which shall be entered from day to day in a journal, the items of service and the fees and the name of the particular proceeding, transaction or action in which the same is rendered, and shall carry the items of charges into a ledger account, with proper reference to such journal entries, and he shall pay to the county treasurer all fees, per diem and other emoluments of whatever kind received by him, and shall at the end of each quarter of the year file with the county clerk, to be laid before the county board, a sworn statement of all such fees, per diem and emoluments collected by him or for him during the quarter of the year, and all the expenses of his office during such time. And the salaries of the clerk of the circuit court, his deputies and clerks, so paid, shall be in lieu of all fees, per diem, and compensation for services rendered by them, *except such work*

as is done by them under the supervision and direction of the government of the United States or by the special permit of the congress of the United States.

(See c. 245; c. 735.)

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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No. 791, A.]

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CHAPTER 362.

AN ACT to create section 959w of the statutes, authorizing cities to ratify certain emergency contracts.

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 959w. The common council of any city, however incorporated, is authorized and empowered to ratify, validate and confirm by a majority vote of the members thereof, any contract, either written or oral, heretofore entered into or purported to be entered into by any officer or department of such city in the forming of which the proper proceedings may not have been regularly taken; provided, first, that the other contracting party has fully performed his share of said contract; second, that such contract in the judgment of the common council was made or was attempted to be made for an emergency purpose; and third, that such contract was one which the common council had authority to authorize; and the common council of any such city is authorized and empowered to ratify, validate and confirm all proceedings in relation thereto, and when so ratified and confirmed the obligation of such contract shall be as binding to all intents and purposes as if such contract had been regularly entered into.

The common council shall be the sole judge of the amount due, and no interest shall be allowed or considered.

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

Approved May 29, 1913.