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CHAPTER 505.

AN ACT to create section 959—40m of the statutes, relating to the powers of police and fire commissioners in cities of the third and fourth classes.

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 959—40m. 1. In addition to the powers now vested in them by law, the board of police and fire commissioners in cities of the third and fourth classes shall have authority:

(1) To organize and supervise the fire and police departments of the city in accordance with the provisions of section 959—46d;

(2) To prescribe rules and regulations for the control and management of said departments;

(3) To contract for and purchase all necessary apparatus and supplies for the use of the departments under their supervision, exclusive of the erection and control of the police and fire station buildings;

(4) To prepare annually an itemized estimate of the expenses of the police and fire departments for the ensuing year, including all necessary and incidental expenses and the amount thereof which it will be necessary to raise by taxation and certify the same to the city clerk, who shall lay the same before the common council at the first regular council meeting thereafter; and it shall be the duty of the common council to consider such estimate and by resolution duly adopted, determine the amount to be raised by taxation for fire and police purposes for the ensuing year, which amount so fixed shall be included in the annual budget to be raised by a tax called the city fire and police tax, which shall be collected the same as other taxes;

(5) To audit all bills, claims and expenses of the fire and police department before the same are paid by the city treasurer.

2. The provisions of this section shall apply only to cities of the third and fourth classes which shall adopt the same by a majority vote of the electors thereof.

3. Whenever a number of the qualified electors of any such city, equal to or more than twenty per cent of the total vote cast therein for governor at the last general election, shall at least thirty days prior to any regular city election present to the clerk thereof a petition in writing, signed by them, praying that the electors thereof may have submitted to them the question whether section 959—40m of the statutes shall be applicable to

such city, the said clerk shall give notice of such election at the same time and in the same manner as is given of a regular city election, and such election shall be held upon the same day, and be conducted in the same manner and by the same election officers, and the vote shall be counted, canvassed and returned in the same manner, as at a regular city election.

4. The ballots used at such election shall be substantially in the following form:

Shall section 959—40m of the statutes be adopted?

Yes

No

Mark an X in the square under the one you wish to vote for.

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

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CHAPTER 506.

AN ACT to create section 553a—1 of the statutes, relating to moral and humane education.

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 553a—1. In all public schools in this state it shall be the duty of each and every teacher to teach morality, for the purpose of elevating and refining the character of school children up to the highest plane of life; that they may know how to conduct themselves as social beings in relation to each other, as respects right and wrong and rectitude of life, in addition to the other branches of study now prescribed, and kindness to and humane treatment and protection of dumb animals and birds, their lives, habits, and usefulness, and the important part they are intended to fulfill in the economy of nature, and such studies on the subject as the board of education may adopt.

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

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