

manner provided by law. For the purpose of conducting such first meeting in the district or districts created by said town board, the electors of said district or districts assembled at such meeting places at seven o'clock in the afternoon shall choose one of their number to act as director of the meeting and one of their number to act as clerk of said meeting.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 552.

AN ACT to amend section 1797m—77m of the statutes, relating to surrender of franchises.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1797m—77m of the statutes is amended to read: Section 1797m—77m. No franchise * * * surrendered by any corporation of this state in the manner, and within the time, provided by section 1797m—77, and no indeterminate permit * * * shall be declared invalid by reason of any defect, irregularity, or invalidity in such franchise * * * or permit, provided that such franchises or permits shall not have been obtained by fraud, bribery, or corrupt practices; that when * * * the same was granted no officer of the municipality granting the same was directly or indirectly interested in such franchise or permit or in the corporation obtaining same; * * * that the corporation having the same shall have prior to the surrendering of said franchise * * * or the beginning of its public service under said permit, in good faith purchased or constructed any * * * waterworks, gas or electric light plant, or other public utility, or any part thereof by such franchise authorized; and that said corporation in obtaining such franchise or permit shall have made substantial compliance with the requirements provided by law for the obtaining of said franchise or permit; and subject to the foregoing exceptions, every such franchise and permit is hereby legalized and confirmed.

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

Approved June 24, 1913.