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CHAPTER 160.

AN ACT to amend section 927—1 of the statutes, relating to construction, ownership and operation of water and lighting works by cities and villages and to legalize the acts of officials performed in the operation of such works.

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

SECTION 1. Section 927—1 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 927—1. 1. For the construction and maintenance of waterworks for the supply of any city or village, *existing under general or special charter*, or the inhabitants thereof with water for protection against fire or for domestic use or sanitary purposes and for the construction and maintenance of lighting works every such city or village and every corporation formed for such purpose under the laws of this state may acquire the title in fee simple to or such easement in or servitude upon all such lands as may be necessary for the construction or maintenance of such works and hold and use the same for that purpose. Such lands and interests therein may be acquired by such city or village and compensation made therefor in the manner provided in sections 895 to 904, inclusive, and by such corporations in the manner provided in the subdivision of chapter 87 entitled “acquiring land by right of eminent domain.” Any such city or village, when authorized so to do by ordinance adopted by a vote of a majority of all the members of its common council or board of trustees, after such ordinance has been submitted to a vote of the people and a majority have voted in favor thereof, may purchase or lease the waterworks or lighting works, or both, owned by any corporation in such city or village and having a contract therewith for public service, or purchase or lease the interest of such corporation in such works, or obtain the control of such works by purchasing the stock of such corporation and keeping up its organization, and in any such case such council or board, by a majority vote, may provide for the payment of the purchase price by the issuance of bonds or otherwise in such manner as they may deem for the best interest of the city or village; and in such case such city or village shall provide, by appropriate ordinances, for a nonpartisan management of such works, and to that end may create a board of commissioners to be nonpartisan and elected by the council or board, fix the term of office of the members thereof and their salaries and invest such board of commissioners with appropriate powers. * * * *The ordinance or ordinances creating such board of commissioners may provide that all accounts*

against the light or water department, or both, shall be audited by such commission, and, if approved, shall be paid by orders upon the city treasurer issued and signed by the president and secretary of the commission, and may provide that water rentals and other income of such department may be paid to a bonded cashier or cashiers appointed by such commission, to be turned over to the city treasurer at least once a month; that the city treasurer shall keep as a separate fund all income derived from such waterworks or lighting plant, and of all disbursements therefrom, and such ordinance may confer on such commissioners any or all of the powers provided for in section 925—95e.

2. Whenever any city under one hundred thousand population, incorporated under special charter, has heretofore created a board of waterworks commissioners under the provisions of subsection 1 of this section, and such board has conducted the affairs of such waterworks pursuant to any ordinance passed or professing to have been passed under the provisions of said subsection, the acts of such commissioners or a majority of them, pursuant to such ordinance, and any compensation for services heretofore paid to them or credited to them under the terms of such ordinance are hereby validated and legalized; provided, such acts and the crediting and paying of such salaries are first approved and ratified by resolution adopted by a majority vote of the members elect of the council.

3. The council of any city, and the board of trustees of any village, owning or controlling any waterworks or lighting plant, or both, as provided in subsection 1 of this section, shall have full power to legislate with reference to the operation, management and property thereof, and to control its finances, except in so far as such control has been delegated to such board of commissioners.

4. Any city under general or special charter may use any funds derived from the operation of a waterworks or lighting plant over and above such as are necessary to meet operation, maintenance, depreciation, interest and sinking funds, new construction or equipment or other indebtedness, for the purpose of purchasing and holding interest bearing bonds issued for the acquisition of such works, or bonds issued by the United States or by any municipal corporation of this state.

5. The provisions of subsections 1 to 4, inclusive, of this section shall apply to cities under special charter, anything contained in the charters of such cities to the contrary notwithstanding, but nothing contained in said subsections or charters shall be construed so as to repeal or modify any general law of

this state providing for the supervision and regulation of public utilities.

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

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CHAPTER 161.

AN ACT to amend section 4581h—1 of the statutes, relating to pandering.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4581h—1 of the statutes, is amended to read: Section 4581h—1. Any person who shall knowingly accept, receive, levy or appropriate any money or other valuable thing, without consideration, from the proceeds of the earnings of any woman engaged in prostitution, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment for a period not less than two nor more than twenty years. Any such acceptance, receipt, levy or appropriation of such money or valuable thing, shall upon any proceeding or trial for violation of this section be presumptive evidence of lack of consideration. *Any person who shall furnish to any other person the name or address of a girl or woman or house, apartment, or room, or any place whatsoever, and at the same time represent that such girl or woman is a prostitute, or such house, apartment, room or place is a house of prostitution or assignation, with intent that such person to whom the information is given shall or may go to such girl or woman, house, apartment, room, or place for immoral purposes or practices, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than thirty days nor more than six months, or by fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars.*

In prosecutions under this section it shall be competent for the prosecution to show other similar acts for the purpose of showing the intent and disposition of the accused. The immunity provisions of section 4581h shall apply to this section.

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

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