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## CHAPTER 290

AN ACT to amend subsection 1 of section 1786e—13 of the statutes, relating to earnings and apportionment thereof, of cooperative associations.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection 1 of section 1786e—13 of the statutes is amended to read: (Section 1786e—13) 1. The directors, subject to revisions by the association at any general or special meeting, shall apportion the earnings by first paying dividends on the paid-up capital stock not exceeding eight per cent per annum, then setting aside not less than ten per cent of the net profits for a reserve fund, until an amount has accumulated in said reserve fund equal to thirty per cent, *but when recommended by the directors and voted upon by a majority of the stockholders at an annual meeting or a special meeting for that purpose the same may be increased to one hundred per cent* of the paid-up capital stock, and five per cent thereof for an educational fund to be used in teaching cooperation, and the remainder of said net profits by uniform dividend upon the amount of purchases of shareholders and upon the wages and salaries of employes, and one-half of such uniform dividend to non-shareholders on the amount of their purchases, which may be credited to the account of such non-shareholders on account of capital stock of the association, but in productive associations such as creameries, canneries, elevators, factories and the like, dividends shall be on raw material delivered instead of on goods purchased. In case the association is both a selling and a productive concern, the dividends may be on both raw material delivered and on goods purchased by patrons.

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

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## CHAPTER 291

AN ACT to create section 959—59 of the statutes, authorizing the inspector of buildings in cities of the first class, to require the razing or removal of buildings.

*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—59. 1. The inspector of buildings in every city of the first class, whether organized under general or special law, shall have authority to order the owner of premises upon which is located any building or structure within such city which in the judgment of the inspector is so old, dilapidated or has become so out of repair as to be dangerous or unsafe, and so that it would be unreasonable to repair the same, to raze and remove such building or structure; and to order the owner of premises upon which is located any building or structure which in the judgment of said inspector of buildings or is so dilapidated or has become so out of repair as to be dangerous or unsafe, but which can be made safe by repairs, to repair and make safe or to raze or remove any such building or structure at said owner's option. Every such order shall specify a time within which compliance therewith shall be made, and where repairs are ordered the order shall specify the repairs. Every such order shall be served on the the owner of the premises upon which is located any such building or structure, or upon the agent of such owner, where there is an agent in charge of such building or structure, in the manner provided for service of a summons in the circuit court; provided, that if the owner is a nonresident of this state, such order may be served by posting the order on the building or structure designated therein, and by publishing the order in the official newspapers of such city for two consecutive days. Such posting shall be made and such publication shall be completed at least ten days before the time limited in the order commences to run.

2. If the owner of the premises upon which is located any such building or structure shall fail or refuse to comply with any such order within the time therein prescribed, the inspector of buildings shall thereupon cause such building or structure to be razed or removed, either through any available public agency or by contract or arrangement with private persons. The cost of such razing or removal shall be charged against the property upon which such building or structure is located and shall be a lien upon such property, and shall be assessed against said property and carried into the tax roll and collected as a special tax.

3. Any one affected by any such order may apply to the circuit court for an order restraining the inspector of buildings from razing or removing such building or structure. A hearing upon such order of the court shall be heard within twenty days from the date thereof and shall be given precedence over other matters on the court's calendar. At such hearing the

court shall determine whether the order of the inspector of buildings is reasonable, and if found reasonable, the court shall dissolve the restraining order, and if found not reasonable, the court shall continue the restraining order in effect, or shall modify it as the circumstances require. The costs of the hearing shall be taxed in the discretion of the court. If the court finds that the order of the inspector of buildings is unreasonable, the inspector of buildings shall issue no other order pursuant to the authority of this section in regard to the same building or structure unless or until the condition of such building or structure has been substantially changed. The remedies herein provided shall be exclusive remedies, and any one affected by such an order of the inspector shall not be entitled to recover any damages for the razing or removal of any such building.

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

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## CHAPTER 292

AN ACT to amend section 7 of chapter 297, laws of 1907, relating to the organization of the department of public works in cities of the first class.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7 of chapter 297, laws of 1907, is amended to read: (Ch. 297, laws of 1907) Section 7. The commissioner of public works shall also appoint a superintendent of sewerage, a superintendent of street construction and *major* repairing, a superintendent of street cleaning, *minor repairing* and the collection and removal of ashes and garbage, and a superintendent of bridges and public buildings. *The said commissioner of public works shall prescribe rules drawing the line of demarcation between major and minor repairing.*

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

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