

July then next ensuing, and until his successor is appointed and qualified. Three commissioners shall constitute a quorum necessary for the transaction of business. Any vacancy in the office of commissioner occurring during the term shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the mayor and all appointments, both original and to fill vacancies, shall be so made that not more than two commissioners shall at the time of the appointment be members of the same political party. Said commissioners shall hold no lucrative office or employment under the United States, the state of Wisconsin, or any municipal corporation or political division thereof, and each commissioner shall before entering upon the discharge of the duties of his office and within ten days after receiving notice of his appointment, take and subscribe the oath of office prescribed by the constitution of this state, and file the same, duly certified by the officer administering it with the city clerk of his city. Each commissioner may receive compensation to be fixed by the common council.

SECTION 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 327

AN ACT to create section 959—133 of the statutes, relating to the organization of the common council in cities of the first class.

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

SECTION 1. A new section is added to the statutes to read: Section 959—133. 1. In every city of the first class, whether incorporated under general law or special charter, at the primary election preceding the first general city election after the passage of this act there shall be submitted to the electors the following questions, which shall be so printed on the ballot that the electors may vote separately on each of said questions:

(1) Shall the common council remain as at present constituted, viz.: one alderman from each ward, elected for two years, and twelve aldermen at large, six to be elected biennially for four year terms?

(2) Shall the common council consist of one alderman from each ward, elected for a term of four years, and twelve aldermen at large, elected for a term of four years, six to be elected biennially for four years?

(3) Shall the common council consist of six aldermen at large and twelve district aldermen, all aldermen to be divided into two groups, each group to be elected for four year terms at alternate biennial elections?

(4) Shall the common council consist of eighteen members, elected from aldermanic districts, the aldermen from odd and even-numbered districts to be elected at alternate biennial elections for four year terms?

(5) Shall the common council consist of nine aldermen elected from the city at large for six year terms and to be elected at alternate biennial elections in groups of three each?

(6) Shall the common council consist of twenty-five ward aldermen only, elected every four years?

Of said questions, the two receiving the largest number of votes at such primary election shall be submitted to the electors at the following general city election.

2. If at such general election a majority of the electors voting thereon shall be in favor of question numbered "2" herein, thereafter at any general city election in such city one alderman shall be elected from each ward for a term of four years, and six aldermen at large shall be elected biennially for terms of four years. If at said general election, held as provided in subsection 1 hereof, a majority of the electors voting thereon shall be in favor of question numbered "3" herein, the common council of said city shall, within one year after such election, divide said city into twelve districts numbered from one to twelve, both inclusive, which shall be as nearly equal in population and in as compact form as may be. At the next general election there shall be elected three aldermen at large for terms of four years, six district aldermen from the odd-numbered districts for terms of two years, and six district aldermen from the even-numbered districts for terms of four years, and thereafter at each biennial city election there shall be elected three aldermen at large and six district aldermen for terms of four years. If at said general election, held as provided in subsection 1 hereof, a majority of the electors voting thereon shall be in favor of question numbered "4" herein, the common council of such city shall, within one year after such election, divide said city into eighteen districts numbered from one to eighteen, both inclusive, which districts shall be as nearly equal in population and in as compact form as may be. At the next general city election there shall be elected nine aldermen from the odd-numbered districts for terms of two years, and nine aldermen from the even-numbered districts for terms of four years, and thereafter at each biennial

city election there shall be elected nine district aldermen to succeed those whose terms expire, for four year terms. If at the general city election at which such questions shall be submitted, as provided in subsection 1 hereof, a majority of the electors voting thereon shall be in favor of question numbered "5" herein, thereafter no aldermen shall be elected from wards or districts, but there shall be elected at the next general city election nine aldermen from the city at large. The three aldermen receiving the highest number of votes shall hold office for terms of six years. The three receiving the next highest number of votes shall hold office for terms of four years, and the next three receiving the highest number of votes shall hold office for terms of two years. Thereafter at each biennial election there shall be elected three aldermen from the city at large, who shall hold office for terms of six years. If at the general city election at which the aforesaid questions shall be submitted, as provided in subsection 1 hereof, a majority of the electors voting thereon shall be in favor of question numbered "6" herein, no alderman shall be elected from the city at large thereafter, but at the next general city election one alderman shall be elected from each of the wards in said city for a term of four years. If at said general city election at which said questions shall be submitted, as provided in subsection 1 hereof, a majority of the electors voting thereon shall be in favor of question numbered "1" herein, no change shall be made in the present number or manner of selecting the aldermen in said city.

3. If a majority of the electors voting on said questions shall be in favor of any question other than question numbered "1" herein, the common council of such city shall consist of the aldermen elected as herein provided, except that nothing herein shall be construed to shorten the term of any alderman elected at the general city election at which said questions were submitted, and all such aldermen shall continue to be members of the common council of said city until the terms for which they were elected expire.

SECTION 2. All acts or parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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