

No. 689, A.]

[Published June 28, 1917.]

**CHAPTER 481**

AN ACT to create section 925m—320 of the statutes, authorizing cities of the second class operating under the commission form of government to increase the size of the council by a vote of the electors therein.

*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 925m—320. 1. Any city of the second class which has heretofore adopted or which may hereafter adopt sections 925m—301 to 925m—319, inclusive, of the statutes, may, by a vote of the electors therein, as herein provided, increase the number of the members of the council in such city from a mayor and two councilmen, to a mayor and one councilman from each ward, the mayor to be elected at large and to be paid a salary of four thousand dollars per annum, and the councilmen to be elected by the electors of the respective wards and each to be paid a salary of fifty dollars per month. The question of increasing the council as provided in this section and subject to the provisions hereof, shall, upon petition as hereinafter provided, be submitted to the electors. The question to be submitted shall be substantially as follows: "Shall the council in the city of -----be increased from a mayor and two councilmen, to a mayor and one councilman from each ward, in accordance with the provisions of section 925m—320 of the Wisconsin statutes?"

2. Such petition may be circulated by any number of persons, may consist of more than one sheet of paper fastened together and shall be signed by qualified electors of such city equal in number to twenty-five per cent of the total number of votes cast in such city for all candidates for governor at the last preceding general election, and shall give the date of signature and place of residence of each elector next after his signature. Each separate sheet of such petition shall have appended thereto the affidavit of a qualified elector to the effect that he is personally acquainted with all persons who have signed the said sheet of said petition, that they are electors and their places of residence and date of signature are truly stated therein. Such petition shall be filed with the city clerk and after being so filed, no name shall be erased or removed therefrom and no signature shall be valid or be counted unless its date is less than one month preceding the date of such filing.

3. Upon filing such petition, the mayor shall, by proclama-

tion, submit the questions prescribed in subsection 1 at a special election to be held at a time specified therein and within two months after such petition is filed. The election upon such question shall be conducted, the vote canvassed, and the result declared in the same manner as provided by law for other city elections.

4. If a majority of the votes cast upon the question at such election be in favor thereof, there shall be elected at the election held as provided by law upon the first Tuesday of April next succeeding, a mayor from the city at large and one councilman from each ward. Each such officer shall be nominated and elected in the manner provided by law for the nomination and election of candidates in cities other than those operating under sections 925m—301 to 925m—319, inclusive, of the statutes. The term of each such officer shall commence on the third Tuesday of April next succeeding, and in the case of the mayor and councilmen from the even-numbered wards shall continue for two years and in the case of councilmen from the odd-numbered wards shall continue for one year, and until their respective successors are elected and qualify. Thereafter the term of office of the mayor and of each councilman elected for a full term shall be two years and the successor to each such officer shall be elected for a term of two years.

5. The terms of office of the mayor and councilmen in office at the time of the first election of officers under this section shall terminate on the third Tuesday of April next succeeding such election.

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

Approved June 23, 1917.

No. 329, S.]

[Published June 28, 1917.

## CHAPTER 482

AN ACT to amend sections 1978b and 1978d, and to create subsection 7 of section 1978d of the statutes, relating to the state fire fund.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 1978b and 1978d of the statutes are amended to read: Section 1978b. Upon July first, annually, the commissioner of insurance of the state shall provide for the insurance by the state of all state property *subject to destruction by fire* for an amount equal to ninety per cent of the cash