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CHAPTER 380.

AN ACT to create section 819g of the statutes, relating to fire protection in towns situated wholly within the boundaries of a county containing a city with a population of three hundred thousand, or more.

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 819g. 1. The supervisors of any town situated wholly within the boundaries of a county containing a city with a population of three hundred thousand, or more, may out of the general fund make payment and deposits to secure and pay for fire protection and fire department service from the fire department of any city of any class situated in any county containing a city with a population of three hundred thousand, or more, whenever there is presented at any meeting of said supervisors a petition, in writing, signed by the owners of not less than three-fifths of the real estate in any quarter section of land in said town, or by such percentage of owners in any greater number of quarter sections in said town. Such petition shall be acknowledged by each owner signing same and shall recite that the signer consents to the levying of a special tax against and upon their property to defray the cost of such fire protection. Such cost to be prorated upon the basis of existing assessments upon real estate and improvements and to be added to the tax roll by the clerk of said town in the same year in which the payment therefor is made by the supervisors from the general fund, as herein provided, or in the following year.

2. There shall also be filed with such petition a proof of service of notice of the fact that a hearing upon such petition will be held before the town board of supervisors at a stated time and place, which proof shall show that said notice was served upon each owner of real estate in any quarter section to be affected by any such proceeding who refused or failed to sign a consent to be taxed for such purpose. Such proof of notice shall further show that such owners of real estate as refused or failed to consent to be taxed for such purpose were notified by such notice that they might attend said meeting of the town board of supervisors and be heard on objections to said proposed taxation of their property for the purpose of fire protection. Whenever a nonresident owner can not be located, notice in the press, three successive days published in the county in which

said property is located, shall be considered sufficient notice to said nonresident owner.

3. The supervisors of said town at any regular meeting may hear and determine such petition and if such petition be presented in due form, as herein prescribed, and accompanied by proper proof of service of the notice herein required to be served upon persons refusing or failing to consent to such taxation and if said supervisors after hearing petitioners and any persons appearing in opposition to said petition and upon being fully advised determine that said petition should be granted, they may grant the same and authorize the levying of a special tax to defray the cost of such fire protection upon and against all the taxable property in any quarter section or quarter sections of land described in such petition and adopt and pass a resolution to such effect and cause such resolution to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting of said supervisors at which such determination is made.

4. The expenditure authorized by the town board of supervisors as to one or any number of quarter sections in such town shall be made and paid by said supervisors out of the general fund and, upon the levying and collection of the special tax authorized by such petition and proceedings thereupon taken to be levied for such purpose, shall be repaid to the general fund.

SECTION 2. All acts and portions of acts conflicting herewith are hereby repealed.

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

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No. 454, S.]

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CHAPTER 381.

AN ACT to amend subsection (2) and to create subsection (3) of section 6.35 of the statutes, relating to the opening and closing of election polls.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (2) of section 6.35 of the statutes is amended to read: (6.35) (2) Providing that in cities having a population of less than five thousand inhabitants and in towns and villages the electors thereof may, by petition, directed to the city council, town or village board, extend the time during which said polls shall remain open to an hour not earlier than six o'clock in the morning, nor later than eight o'clock in the evening. Such petition shall be signed by at least twenty voters of