

lien and assessment against their property by paying to said treasurer, in addition to said assessment and accrued interest, on said bonds for the period of three months after such payment. The issuance of said bonds shall be conclusive evidence of the regularity of all previous proceedings and the validity of said lien; and no want of power, illegality or irregularity in connection with the making of such assessments or the issue of such bonds shall invalidate said bonds.

Section 959—35b. Hereafter in *all* cities * * * however incorporated, no special assessment certificates shall be issued to contractors for the grading, graveling, macadamizing, or paving of streets or alleys, or the grading and laying of sidewalks, or the paving of gutters and the installation of curbing, nor for the digging or excavating or building of any sewers, or for any other street improvement whatever, but the contractor shall be paid *in cash, except that in cities of the first class he shall be paid* as provided in section 959—35c.

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

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CHAPTER 521.

AN ACT to create subsection (6) of section 43.27 and to amend section 43.31 of the statutes, relating to public libraries.

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

SECTION 1. A new subsection is added to section 43.27 of the statutes to read: (43.27) (6) In case the library board is composed of nine or more members, five members thereof shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 2. Section 43.31 of the statutes is amended to read: 43.31 (1) Every library and reading room established under this chapter, shall be forever free for the use of the inhabitants of the city, town or village where located, subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the library board may find necessary to adopt and publish in order to render the use of said library and reading room of the greatest benefit to the greatest number, and they may exclude and cut off from the use of said library and reading room any and all persons who shall wilfully violate such rules. * * *

(2) The board of directors of such library and reading room may under such rules and regulations as they may deem necessary and upon such conditions as may be agreed upon, allow

nonresidents of the city, town or village in which the library or reading rooms are situated to use the books therein and may exchange such books with any other public library, either permanently or temporarily, and may send out traveling libraries in their own and adjoining counties and any such board may contract with the board of supervisors of the county in which the library is situated or with the board of supervisors of any neighboring county or with individuals or associations or with the board of supervisors, school board, village trustees or common council of any neighboring town, school district, village or city to loan the books of said library singly or in traveling libraries to the residents of said county, town, school district, village or city upon the terms agreed upon in such contract, and every such board of directors, board of county or town supervisors, school district board, village trustees or common council is hereby empowered to make contracts for such purpose and to pay the consideration agreed upon therein to the board of directors of such library and reading room out of the county school district, town, village or city treasury upon the rendering of the proper accounts therefor.

(3) The town supervisors, village trustees or common council of any town, village or city is hereby authorized to appropriate a sum of money annually for the use and benefit of a library, organized under section 43.24 not situated within such town, village or city, the use of which shall be open, without charge, to the inhabitants of such town, village or city making such appropriation. *The board of supervisors of any county is authorized to appropriate a sum of money annually for the use and benefit of a public library, the use of which shall be open without charge to the inhabitants of such county.*

(4) Whenever the amount so appropriated by such county or town supervisors, trustees or common council shall be equal to or exceed one-sixth of the net annual income of the library for the benefit of which such appropriation is made during the preceding fiscal year, * * * it shall be the duty of the chairman of the town, president of the village or mayor of the city within which such library is situated, to appoint from among the citizens of the town, village or city making such appropriation, and in the case of a county appropriation in any county having less than one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, from among the citizens of such county, one member of the board of directors of such library in addition to the members otherwise provided by law, which appointment shall be subject to the approval of the county or town supervisors, village trustees

or common council of the *county*, town, village or city making such appropriation. Such director shall hold his office for the term of three years from the first day of July succeeding such appointment and until his successor is appointed. * * *

(5) Upon the failure of the proper officers of such *county*, town, village or city during any succeeding year to make an appropriation equal to the amount hereinbefore mentioned, the office of the member of the board of directors so appointed from such *county*, town, village or city shall become vacant from and after the first day of July next succeeding the failure to make such appropriation.

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

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CHAPTER 522.

AN ACT to amend paragraphs (f) and (g) of subsection (14) of section 27.10 of the statutes, relating to the work of the city forester in cities of the first class.

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

SECTION 1. Paragraphs (f) and (g) of subsection (14) of section 27.10 of the statutes are amended to read: (27.10. (14)) (f) * * * The entire cost of protecting, trimming, spraying, planting, renewing and removal of trees and shrubs between the lot line and the curb *in front of any lot or parcel of land abutting on* * * * a street, avenue or boulevard shall be chargeable to and assessed upon * * * *such lot or* * * * *parcels of land.* * * *

(g) The board of park commissioners shall keep a strict account of the cost of *protecting, planting, renewing, removing, trimming, spraying and caring for trees and shrubs* * * * *in front of each lot or parcel of land abutting on* any street, avenue or boulevard * * * and it shall be the duty of said board prior to the tenth day of November in each year to make a report to the comptroller of all work done for which assessments shall have been made as hereinbefore provided, stating and certifying the description of lands, lots, parts of lots or parcels of land, *abutting on* * * * a street, avenue or boulevard in which any such work shall have been done and the amount chargeable to each such piece of property, and the said comptroller shall, at the time of making his annual report to the common council of the lots or parcels of land subject