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CHAPTER 93.

AN ACT to authorize the city of Watertown to levy a tax to compromise its railroad indebtedness.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. The common council of the city of Watertown is hereby authorized to levy a special tax of seventy thousand dollars, for the purpose of enabling said city to compromise with its creditors as provided in this act. Said tax to be levied and collected in the manner now provided by law for the levy and collection of general taxes, but in two installments of thirty-five thousand dollars each, and at the times fixed by sections three (3) and four (4) of this act.

Power of council; amount of tax authorized.

SECTION 2. It is hereby made the duty of the clerk of said city to provide for and keep a suitable book, in which he shall register all unpaid outstanding bonds and coupons which have been issued by said city, in aid of any railroad company, by recording the name of the owner, the number and description and amount of said bonds and coupons, whenever they shall be presented to him for that purpose, accompanied with an agreement in writing, executed by the owner or owners of said bonds or coupons, binding such owner or owners to accept in full payment of his bonds and coupons, and all judgments upon the same, such a sum of money as shall bear the same proportion to the whole amount of said tax as the aggregate amount of his bonds and coupons, whether in judgments or not, shall bear to the whole amount of bonds and coupons registered as hereinbefore provided.

Duty of city clerk.

SECTION 3. As soon as all the outstanding bonds and coupons issued as aforesaid, including those upon which judgments have been entered up, shall, in the opinion of the common council, have been registered with said clerk, then it shall be the duty of the common council to levy and collect a tax of thirty-five thousand dollars on all taxable property in said city, as provided in section one (1) of this act, and apply the same, first, to the payment of the judgments which have been entered upon any such bonds or coupons; and afterwards, to the payment of other bonds and coupons, in the order in which they shall be registered, at the rate aforesaid.

Payment of judgments, etc. provided for.

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SECTION 4. At the annual assessment and collection of taxes in said city next succeeding the first levy of thirty-five thousand dollars, the city council shall levy and collect the remaining thirty-five thousand dollars of the tax provided for in section one (1) of this act, and apply the same to the payment of the balance of said bonds and coupons.

Levy and collection of tax to be conditional.

SECTION 5. Nothing contained in this act shall authorize the levy or collection of any tax, until a valid agreement in writing is made, either under this act or otherwise, pursuant to which the whole indebtedness of said city shall be liquidated by means of the tax authorized by the act; and none of the money raised pursuant to the foregoing provisions shall be paid out or disposed of in any other manner, or for any other purpose than therein set forth.

Certain liabilities not included.

SECTION 6. None of the provisions of this act shall be construed to apply to the city improvement bonds, or to the bonds known as the compromise bonds, issued since the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine.

Authority of street commissioners.

SECTION 7. The board of street commissioners of said city shall have full power to carry out the provisions of this act, except the levying of taxes.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 94.

AN ACT for the preservation of fish in Brown's lake, in the county of Racine, Wisconsin.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Fishing made unlawful; penalty for violation.

SECTION 1. No person or persons shall by hook and line, or other contrivance or device, take any fish from the waters of Brown's lake, in the county of Racine, Wisconsin, between the first day of November and the first day of April in any year, from and after the passage of this act; and any person or persons who shall violate the provisions of this section shall, on conviction thereof, be subject to a fine, for each and every such offense, of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars, with the costs of suit.