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CHAPTER 182.

AN ACT in relation to municipal ownership or control of waterworks and lighting works.

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

SECTION 1. Any city, when authorized so to do, by ordinance adopted by a vote in favor of the same, of a majority of all the members elect of its common council, after the same has been submitted to a vote of the people and a majority have voted in favor of such purchase or lease, may purchase or lease the waterworks or lighting works, or both, owned by any corporation in such city and having a contract with such city for public service, or purchase or lease the interest of such corporation in such works, or obtain the control of such works by purchasing the stock of such corporation and keeping up its organization, and in any such case such council, by majority vote, may provide for the payment for such purchase by the issuance of bonds or otherwise in such manner as the common council of such city may deem for its best interests, not contravening, however, the provisions of the constitution in respect to municipal indebtedness; and in such case such city shall provide, by appropriate ordinances for a non-partisan management of such works, and to that end, may create a board of commissioners, to be non-partisan and elected by the common council, fix the term of office of the members thereof, and invest such board with appropriate powers; provided, the authority hereby granted shall extend only to the purchase or lease of waterworks or lighting works already erected and established and in operation and only to cities in which there exists one such system for such purpose or purposes.

When city may purchase waterworks and lighting works.

SECTION 2. All acts and parts of acts so far as they conflict with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 183.

AN ACT to authorize cities to pay the mayor a salary.

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

Certain cities authorized to pay their mayors salaries.

SECTION 1. Section 16, of chapter 312, of the laws of 1893, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 16. The common council shall by ordinance provide such salary, or compensation, for the officers and employes of the city as it shall deem proper; provided, that in cities of the second, third and fourth class no salary shall be paid to the mayor or members of the common council except when ordered by a vote of three-fourths of the members-elect of such common council. It shall at the first regular meeting in February, fix the amount of salary which shall be received by every city officer entitled to a salary, who may be elected or appointed in the city during the ensuing year, which shall not be increased or diminished during the term of office for which such officer shall be elected or appointed; the salary shall be paid out of the city treasury monthly, at the end of each month. All salaries, the amounts whereof have been heretofore fixed by the common council, or heretofore established by law,