

and all acts, purchases and conveyances heretofore made by any railway company of this state, which are authorized by this act, are hereby legalized, ratified and confirmed; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to legalize any contract or indenture of lease heretofore entered into between a corporation of this state and any corporation organized under or created by the laws of the United States. But no railroad corporation shall consolidate with, or lease or purchase, or in any way become owner of, or control any other railroad corporation, or any stock, franchises, rights or property thereof, which owns or controls a parallel and competing line, to be determined by jury.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 309.

AN ACT to authorize the common council of cities of the first class to create wards and to change the boundaries of existing wards in such cities.

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

Apportionment
anew after
each census.

Whereas, It is the duty of the legislature after each census to apportion anew the state in the senate and assembly districts, and

Changing of
wards to con-
form with the
population.

Whereas, It is necessary, owing to the change in population in different sections of cities of the first class, that from time to time the boun-

daries of wards be changed and new wards be created, so that the population of the several wards of such cities shall be nearly equal, to enable the legislature to comply with the mandate of the constitution and redistrict according to the number of inhabitants; therefore:

SECTION 1. The common council of all cities of the first class, and of all cities organized under special charter, containing a population of forty thousand and upwards, is hereby authorized by a two-thirds vote, on or before the first day of December after each state and national census, to redistrict, readjust and change the boundaries of wards within such city, so that the wards shall be as nearly equal in population as may be, and for accomplishing the purposes of this act, such common council may create new wards and consolidate old ones, but no ward shall be created having a population less than eight thousand nor exceeding twenty thousand. In the redistricting of the city, as herein provided, the original numbers of the wards and the geographical outline shall as far as possible be retained, and the wards so created and the old ones the boundaries of which are changed shall be in as compact form as practicable.

Common council of all cities of 40,000 and over authorized to readjust and change boundaries of wards, upon a two-thirds vote in favor of same.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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