

agation thereof, are hereby fully and completely legalized and declared to be as effectual and binding upon all parties affected thereby, as if said laws or either of them were valid.

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

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CHAPTER 108.

AN ACT to authorize cities of the fourth class operating under general or special charter, to change their names.

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

How name of city may be changed.

SECTION 1. Upon request by petition signed by a majority of all the electors of any city of the fourth class operating under general or special charter, the common council of such city may, by two-thirds vote of all its members, change the name of such city.

What petition shall contain.

SECTION 2. The petition mentioned in the preceding section shall be directed to the common council, and shall designate the new name for such city, and the common council shall not change the name of such city to any other name than that designated in such petition.

Action of the common council when name is changed.

SECTION 3. When the name of any such city shall be changed, as provided in the two preceding sections, the common council shall adopt an ordinance carrying such change into effect, and cause such ordinance to be published in some public newspaper in such city, and the

change of name of any such city shall be in effect only from and after such publication of such ordinance.

SECTION 4. Such city, under its new name, shall have and possess all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities conferred by its original charter, or by the general laws of this state, and all debts, obligations and liabilities of every kind or character whatsoever, existing against such city at the time of such change of name, shall continue with the same force and effect as though such change had not been had, and may be enforced in the same manner under its new name as they might under its old, had such change not been made.

City with new name to possess all rights and powers of original.

SECTION 5. All laws or parts of laws conflicting with this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 109.

AN ACT to authorize a wider use of the books of free public libraries, and amendatory of section 934, of the revised statutes of Wisconsin.

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

SECTION 1. Section 934, of the revised statutes of Wisconsin, is hereby amended by adding to it the following words: Provided, that the board of directors of such library and reading

Respecting the rules and regulations for conducting a public library.