

with. Such superintendent shall give bond to the town, to be approved by the supervisors, in the sum of five hundred dollars, conditioned that he will faithfully discharge his duties as such superintendent.

Not to interfere with highway laws.

SECTION 9. This act shall be deemed in no manner to interfere with or otherwise affect any law concerning the building or maintenance of highways in the state of Wisconsin.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force, from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 353.

AN ACT to amend section 1636c of the Wisconsin statutes of 1898, relative to state forest wardens, and the better protection of life and property against forest fires.

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

Where fire wardens are to be appointed.

SECTION 1. Section 1636c is hereby amended by striking out the words "shall appoint at least one fire warden in each organized town, and shall keep a register of the name and postoffice address of each" in the second line of said section, and insert in lieu thereof "shall appoint one or more fire wardens in each of the following counties: Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Douglas, Dunn, Florence, Forest, Iron, Jackson, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Oconto, Oneida, Polk, Portage, Price, Sawyer, Shawano, Taylor, Vilas, Waupaca, Washburn, and Wood; provided, that he may appoint

fire wardens in any town of any other county in the state upon being requested to do so by the town board of supervisors," so that when so amended said section 1636c shall read as follows: Section 1636c. The state forest warden shall appoint one or more fire wardens in each of the following counties: Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Douglas, Dunn, Florence, Forest, Iron, Jackson, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Oconto, Oneida, Polk, Portage, Price, Sawyer, Shawano, Taylor, Vilas, Waupaca, Washburn and Wood; provided that he may appoint fire wardens in any town of any other county in this state upon being requested to do so by the town board of supervisors. Every warden shall, before entering upon the duties of his office take and subscribe an oath of office, and file the same with the forest warden. He shall take all necessary precaution to prevent the improper setting or progress of fires in his or adjoining towns within eighty rods of the line of his town when the fire warden of the adjoining town is unable or unwilling to do so; and shall, when credibly informed that a fire has been improperly set or allowed to burn in any territory within his jurisdiction, take such steps as shall be necessary to prevent the spread of; and in all proper cases to extinguish the fire. He may summon any resident of his town or of the immediate vicinity of the fire to assist him in so doing, and when such summons is reasonable it shall be the duty of the person summoned to render such assistance. The fire warden and the person so summoned shall receive a reasonable compensation for their service not to exceed twenty cents per hour for the time actually employed, to be paid out of the treasury of the town where such fire shall occur, and which account shall be audited and paid as other accounts; but the total amount of such accounts shall not exceed one hundred dollars for each thirty-six sections, in any one year in any one town. Any fire warden who shall refuse to carry out the provisions of this section, or any person

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who shall refuse, when called upon by the fire warden, to render any reasonable assistance, shall be punished by a fine of not more than ten dollars and the costs of prosecution, or by imprisonment in the county jail not more than ten days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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

Approved May 4, 1899.

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CHAPTER 354.

AN ACT relating to the payment of license by street railway and electric companies, amending sections 1222c, 1222d, and 1222e Wisconsin statutes of 1898, and enacting a new section.

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

Street railway companies to file report with city treasurer.

SECTION 1. Section 1222c of the Wisconsin statutes of 1898, is hereby amended by striking out the word "or" where it occurs in the ninth line of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the word "and" so that said section when so amended shall read as follows: Section 1222c. Every person, company or corporation engaged in the operation, management and maintenance of a street railway, operated by mechanical power only, or manufacturing or furnishing electric light or power, shall pay as herein provided, an annual license fee. It shall be the duty of such person, and of the secretary of every such company or corporation, to file on the first Monday of December of each year with the treasurer of the city or village