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## CHAPTER 196.

AN ACT to amend section 1941—7, of the statutes of 1898, as amended by chapter 25, laws of 1899, relating to the liabilities of members in city and village mutual fire insurance companies and permitting companies to accumulate a contingent fund.

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

Members; their liabilities. Contingent fund. SECTION 1. Section 1941-7, statutes of 1898 as amended by chapter 25, laws of 1899, is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 1941-Every person to whom any such policy is issued shall be deemed a member of such corporation while such policy is in force, and it shall be lawful for such corporation to require the payment of such premiums and fees, make assessments upon its members and enforce the collection thereof as circumstances may require and as may be specified in its constitution or bylaws or fixed by resolution; and the members thereof shall be subject to such other duties as may be prescribed by the by-laws. Such corporations may accumulate a contingent fund consisting of the premium receipts each year which are not required to pay the losses and expenses of the corporations, which constitute the balance at the close of the year. Such fund shall be limited to an amount not to exceed ten per cent of the amount of insurance in force and shall be used for the payment of losses, actual expenses and return premiums for the current year only.

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

Approved May 12, 1905.