

*banks or other corporate stock shall not be considered debts due or to become due to any person within the meaning of this subdivision.*

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

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## CHAPTER 215.

AN ACT amending section 925—25 of the statutes of 1898 as amended by chapter 60 of the laws of 1901, providing for a change in the method of choosing the city clerk in cities governed thereby.

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

**Officers, how chosen; in fourth class cities.** SECTION 1. Section 925—25 of the statutes of 1898, as amended by section 2 of chapter 60 of the laws of 1901 is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 925—25. The mayor, treasurer, comptroller, assessor or assessors, aldermen, justices of the peace, one or more constables and supervisors shall be elected by the people. The other officers may be appointed by the mayor or elected by the council, as shall be determined by ordinance; provided, that in case any such officer, except policeman, shall be appointed by the mayor, such appointment, shall be subject to confirmation by the council. In cities of the fourth class the clerk and any and all other officers, in addition to those hereinbefore specified, may be elected by the electors at the same time and in the same manner as other officers are elected, upon a petition asking therefor being filed in the office of the city clerk fifteen days prior to any regular municipal election, signed by a majority of the electors of such city who voted at the last general election then next preceding, as appears from the poll list. And it shall be the duty of the council and the proper officers of any city of the fourth class, to give notice of, call for and order the election at the next election and thereafter at each succeeding election, the

officer or officers whose title of office is specified in such petition. Such petition may include one or more or all the officers of such city, and the notice of and the order for the election shall follow and include the officer or officers named in the petition, and upon like petition, signed by a majority of the electors asking therefor, any common council, by ordinance duly passed, may provide for the appointment by the mayor, with the concurrence of the council, of any officers of such city excepting the offices of mayor, alderman, assessor, treasurer, supervisor or justice of the peace, *provided that the city clerk in every city adopting this sub-section shall be chosen in the manner in force in such city at the time of adopting the same, unless the common council in such city shall provide by ordinance for an election by the people to such office.*

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

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## CHAPTER 216.

AN ACT to amend chapter 315 of the laws of 1903, relating to the taxation of railroads.

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

**Assessment and tax roll; extension of tax on roll against railroad companies; duties of state treasurer; taxes, when due.**  
SECTION 1. Section 15 of said chapter 315 of the laws of 1903 is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 15. The board shall compute and levy a tax upon the property of each railroad company as assessed at the average rate of taxation determined as aforesaid, and the amount of tax to be paid by each railroad company shall be extended upon the assessment roll opposite the description of the property of the respective companies. After the completion of said tax roll, and prior to the first day of February in each year *except as hereinafter otherwise provided,*