

tenths of a mill upon each dollar of the assessed value of said taxable property, the amount of which tax shall be determined by the board of park commissioners of such city, and certified to the common council and the city comptroller at the time of making their annual report to such common council, and the entire amount of such special tax shall be collected, paid into and held in the city treasury as a separate and distinct fund to be known as the park and boulevard fund, and shall not be used or appropriated directly or indirectly for any other purpose than for the improvement, maintenance and control of the public parks and boulevards of such city, and for the payment of the salaries of the employes and other proper expenses of such board of park commissioners, provided that of the said special tax levied and collected in any such city, one-tenth of a mill upon each dollar of the assessed value of its taxable property shall be used each year by its board of park commissioners solely for the purpose of filling in and improving as a public park or boulevard any strip of submerged land granted or which may be granted to said city to be managed, controlled and improved by its board of park commissioners.

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CHAPTER 250.

AN ACT to create sections 17870—1 to section 17870—5, inclusive, statutes of 1898, relating to organization of county park commissions and to define the duties of such body.

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

SECTION 1. There are created and added to the statutes of 1898, five new sections to read:

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Counties of 150,000: park commissioners; appointment, number, etc. SECTION 17870—1. Every county in this state having a population of 150,000 or more according to the last previous state or United States census may have a non-partisan county park commission consisting of seven members. The chairman of the county board shall within sixty days after this act shall take effect appoint such commission. The commissioners first appointed shall hold office for the term of one, two, three, four, five, six and seven years respectively. Thereafter one commissioner shall be appointed to hold for the term of seven years. The appointment shall be made in writing and filed in the office of the county clerk. Vacancies in said board shall be filled in the same manner that appointments are originally made and for the unexpired term only. Before entering upon the duties of his office each of said commissioners shall take and subscribe the usual oath of office or affirmation which oath or affirmation shall be filed in the office of the county clerk. When the said commissioners shall have been appointed, they shall convene at the court house within thirty days after such appointment and perfect an organization and thereupon such park commission shall have the usual powers of such bodies in addition to those hereinafter enumerated, shall use a common seal, make by-laws and choose annually from its members all necessary officers. It may also appoint such other officers and employes not members of the board as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this act and may remove such officers at pleasure and make all rules and regulations concerning the work of the commission. Every such board shall have suitable offices which shall be provided by the county where its maps, plans, documents and records shall be kept subject to public inspection at all reasonable hours and under such reasonable regulations as such board may prescribe.

(Ch. 250, 1907.)

Comprehensive county park scheme; plans, reports, action. SECTION 17870—2. Every such park commission shall first make a thorough study of the county in which it is appointed with reference to making reservations of lands therein for public uses and laying out ample open spaces, roads and boulevards, the whole to present a comprehensive scheme for a county park system. The commission shall make plans and maps of the proposed park system and shall gather such further

information in relation thereto as it may deem expedient; all of which maps, plans and information shall be included in a report which said park commission shall make to the county board as soon as may be, but not later than two years from the date of the appointment and qualification of such commission. The county board may approve such report in whole or in part, may call upon the park commission for further information or different plans, and shall then adopt such of the recommendations as it deems expedient. Subject to the approval of the county board the park commission shall proceed in accordance with its plans to acquire, maintain, and make available to the people, as well as to care for, lay out and improve, reservations, parks, parkways, roads, and all kinds of open spaces for public resort and recreation.

(Ch. 250, 1907.)

Land acquisitions. SECTION 1787o—3. To acquire land for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this act, every such park commission shall have the power to acquire land in the name of the county and subject to the approval of the county board in fee or otherwise, by gift, purchase, or lease with the privilege of purchase.

(Ch. 250, 1907.)

Preliminary expense. SECTION 1787o—4. Such park commission may incur expenses with the consent of the county board, not to exceed \$5,000 for all purposes during the preliminary period of making the study of the county and getting out the report or reports to be made to the county board, as provided in section 1787o—2; although the county board may upon request from such park commission, authorize the expenditure of additional money. All authorized expenses of such park commission, after bills therefor have been regularly audited by the county authorities shall be paid out of the general fund of the county.

(Ch. 250, 1907.)

Appropriations by county. SECTION 1787o—5. Counties are authorized to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act.

(Ch. 250, 1907.)

Domestic corporations: cancellation of charters for restraining trade—affidavit. (*Section 1791j.*) Any corpora-