

telegraph company transacting business within this state, any knowledge of the contents or substance of any telegraph message or dispatch not addressed to himself or to which he is not entitled, or who shall, without lawful authority, tamper or interfere with, use or in any manner intentionally, carelessly or negligently disturb or interrupt any telegraph wires or lines of any such telegraph company, or shall intentionally, carelessly or negligently fell any tree or timber so as to break, destroy or injure any such telegraph wires, without first giving twenty-four hours' notice of his intention to do so to some agent of the company at its nearest office or to some agent of a railroad company at its nearest office, in case such wires are constructed along any railroad, or who shall, without the consent of such company, send or attempt to send any message or dispatch over said wires or lines, in any manner whatever, or shall intercept, interrupt or disturb any dispatch passing upon any such wire or lines, *or who shall wilfully or maliciously interfere with, obstruct, prevent or delay, by any means or contrivance whatsoever, the sending, transmission or receiving of any wireless telegraph message, communication or report by any wireless telegraph company doing business in this state, or who shall aid, agree with, employ or conspire with any person or persons to unlawfully interfere with, obstruct, prevent or delay the sending, transmission or receiving of any such wireless telegraph message,* shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not more than one year or by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars.

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

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CHAPTER 320.

AN ACT to amend section 932 of the statutes, relating to the membership of library boards.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 932 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 932. 1. For the government of such library and reading room, in each city of the second and third class, there shall be a board of nine directors, appointed by the mayor of such city, with the approval of the common council, and in each city of the fourth class, in each village or town there shall be a board of six directors, appointed by the mayor of such city, by the presi-

dent of such village or the chairman of such town, with the approval of the respective common council, village or town board, from among the citizens thereof; and not more than one member of the council, or village or town board shall at any one time be such director. Such directors shall hold their office for three years from the first day of July in the year of *their* appointment and until their successors are appointed, but upon their first appointment they shall divide themselves at their first meeting by lot into three classes, one-third for one year, one-third for two years and one-third for three years, and their terms shall expire accordingly. All vacancies shall be immediately repored by the directors to the common council, town or village board and be filled by appointment in like manner, and if in an unexpired term for the residue of their term only. No compensation whatever shall be paid or allowed any director.

2. In any city or village which has established or may establish a free library under the provisions of section 931, the city superintendent of schools or the supervision principal of schools shall be *ex officio* a member of the board of directors of such library.

3. * * * In any city of the fourth class, or any village or town, having a public library with a board of nine directors, that, upon the request of such board, the mayor of such city, the president of such village or the chairman of such town shall omit to make the appointments to the board to fill vacancies until the number of the members of the board, excluding the *ex officio* member, is reduced to six, and thereafter the board shall include no more than six appointive members.

(Am. 1911, c. 664, s. 43.)

4. *In cities in which a library and reading room shall hereafter be established, the library board shall consist of five members, one of whom shall be the mayor or some other member of the common council, selected by the common council, and another of whom shall be the city superintendent of schools, ex officio. The three other members of the board shall be selected by the common council. Those first selected shall serve for terms of one, two and three years, respectively. Their successors shall be appointed for terms of three years.*

5. *In any city having a public library board with more than five members, the common council may, by a two-thirds vote, adopt the plan for constituting the library board provided for in subsection 4 hereof, and the common council may proceed to constitute such library board as provided in said subsection 4. Upon the adoption of such plan and the appointment of the*

members of such library board, under the provisions of subsection 4 hereof, the terms of office of the members of such former library board shall be deemed to have expired, and the library board as formerly constituted shall cease to exist.

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

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CHAPTER 321.

AN ACT to appropriate certain sums of money to the several reformatory, charitable and penal institutions, to cover deficiencies in the current expense funds of such institutions, for the balance of the appropriation period.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund not otherwise appropriated, to the several reformatory, charitable and penal institutions, for the current expenses of such institutions to the end of the appropriation periods, June 30, 1911, in addition to the balances on hand, the sums of money named below:

To the state hospital for the insane, six thousand dollars; to the Wisconsin state prison, six thousand dollars; to the state public school, twenty-one thousand four hundred dollars, and to the Wisconsin state reformatory, twenty thousand dollars.

SECTION 1. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 322.

AN ACT to amend section 4075 of the statutes, relating to the testimony of physicians and surgeons.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 4075 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 4075. No person duly authorized to practice physic or surgery shall be * * * permitted to disclose any information which he may have acquired in attending any patient in a professional character, and which information was necessary to enable him to prescribe for such patient as a physician or to do any act for him as a surgeon; but as a witness in his own behalf,