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**CHAPTER 356.**

AN ACT to amend section 925—61 of the statutes, relating to police justices.

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

SECTION 1. Section 925—61 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 925—61. 1. In every city which shall adopt this chapter for its government, and which shall at the time of such adoption, have a court or judge, by whatsoever name or title such court or judge shall be called, having the jurisdiction herein conferred upon police courts, the jurisdiction and procedure of such court or judge shall continue unaffected by this chapter until such court or the office of such judge shall be abolished, and in the meantime no police justice shall be elected and no police court established in such city under this chapter. In every other city governed by this chapter a police justice shall be elected every fourth year as other city officers are elected; his term of office shall commence the first day of May, succeeding his election, and continue for four years and until his successor shall have qualified; *vacancies in the office of police justice shall be filled at the municipal election, occurring next after the creation of such vacancy, but when a vacancy exists the mayor shall appoint a police justice, who shall hold his office until the vacancy shall be filled by election;* provided, that in cities of the third and fourth classes the council may, by ordinance, abolish the police court therein, and thereupon the jurisdiction herein conferred upon such court shall be exercised by the municipal court or courts of the city or county located in such city, if there be any such, and if there be none, then by the justices of the peace of the city.

2. *Any city which has, or may hereafter abolish, the police court therein may by ordinance re-establish such court, and it shall then exist as though it had never been abolished. When the police court shall have been thus re-established, a police justice shall be elected at the next municipal election, but the mayor may appoint a police justice, who shall hold his office until a police justice shall have been elected and shall have qualified.*

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

Approved June 15, 1911.