

common stockholders to provide for a second issue of preferred stock, subject to all the rights and equities of the first issue of preferred stock, and when so issued, such second issue of preferred stock shall have plainly printed across the face of the certificates the words "Preferred Stock, Second Issue" and shall recite all the terms, restrictions, and regulations provided in the articles of organization in relation to such second issue of preferred stock.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 534.

AN ACT to amend section 990—10 and subdivision (1) of section 990—17 of the statutes, relating to civil service in the state of Wisconsin.

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

SECTION 1. Section 990—10 and subdivision (1) of section 990—17 of the statutes are amended to read: Section 990—10. All examinations for positions in the classified service shall be practical in character, and shall relate to those matters which will fairly test the capacity and fitness of the persons examined to discharge the duties of the office or employment sought by them, giving due allowance for experience in the same or similar positions. The competitive examinations shall be free and open to all applicants who are citizens of the United States and of the state of Wisconsin, and who shall have fulfilled the preliminary requirements stated in section 990—11 and shall be held at such times and places as shall, in the judgment of the commission, most nearly meet the convenience of applicants and the needs of the service. Examinations of a technical or special character, or where requirements are peculiarly within the knowledge of the office, institution or department in which appointment is to be made, shall be proposed by the incumbent of such office or head of such institution or department, or by persons having knowledge and experience in the same or similar employments. It is the declared policy of the state that under the operation of sections 990—1 to 990—32, inclusive, there shall be a fair distribution throughout the state of persons accepted for the classified service, and to that end examinations shall be held simultaneously at at least one convenient point in each county of the

state. * * * The commission may require candidates who have satisfied the preliminary * * * requirements, to undergo * * * an * * * examination, in cases where *oral tests or tests* for manual skill or use of instruments in constructive work may be necessary, at * * * *convenient* designated places in the state.

(Section 990—17) (1) Whenever there are urgent reasons for filling a vacancy in any position in the competitive class and the commission is unable to certify to the appointing officer upon requisition by the latter a list of persons eligible for appointment after a competitive examination, the appointing officer may nominate a person to the commission for non-competitive examination, and if such nominee shall be certified by the said commission as qualified after such non-competitive examination, he may be appointed provisionally to fill such vacancy *only* until a selection and appointment can be made after competitive examination. * * * In case of an emergency an appointment may be made without regard to the rules of this statute, but in no case to continue longer than ten days, and in no case shall successive emergency appointments be made.

SECTION 2. Sections 990—1 to 990—32, inclusive, of the statutes, shall not apply to any experts now exempt by law.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 535.

AN ACT to amend section 925—234 of the statutes and to repeal sections 925—235, 925—236, 925—237 and 925—238 of the statutes, relating to the issue of improvement bonds for sewerage assessments.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 925—235, 925—236, 925—237 and 925—238 of the statutes are repealed.

SECTION 2. Section 925—234 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 925—234. Whenever a contract shall have been let for the construction of any sewer and the amounts have been determined that are chargeable to the lots or parcels of land abutting on the streets or alleys through which said sewer is to be constructed, if the council deems it for the best interest of the property owners affected by the special assessment for the con-