

and charges against said county or counties, and collected with interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum from the date the same were so certified by the secretary of state, and in the same manner as other special charges are now certified and collected; and upon the payment or collection of such amount from such county or counties, the same shall be immediately deposited in the state treasury and be credited to the appropriation from which the original disbursement was made. Provided further that if the neglect or failure on the part of any such county clerk or clerks to so transmit said statement or statements to the secretary of state by September twentieth in each year, is due to any action or failure to act on the part of either the clerk of any such school district or the clerk of any such town in transmitting or failing to transmit said statement or statements to the proper county clerk as now required by law, then such county clerk may in like manner certify to and collect said special charge from that town or school district in which such delinquency occurred.

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

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CHAPTER 291.

AN ACT to amend section 959—81m of the statutes, relating to appropriations by cities and villages for Independence day celebrations.

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

SECTION 1. Section 959—81m of the statutes is amended to read: Section 959—81m. Each city or village in this state, however incorporated, is hereby authorized to appropriate and expend annually a sum not to exceed five thousand dollars, for the purpose of observing and celebrating the national independence day on the fourth of July; *provided, however, that cities of the first class, however organized, are authorized to appropriate and expend annually a sum not to exceed ten thousand dollars for the purposes herein mentioned.* Said sum may be expended for such purposes, in such manner and through such city or village officers or such committee or committees of citizens as the common council of the city or village trustees shall direct. The provisions of law relating to the letting of contracts by any such city or village shall not apply to any contracts let or purchases made under authority of this section, but said sum may be expended without the intervention of formal contracts. When the

fourth of July falls upon a Sunday, then such celebration and the observance may be had either on the day preceding or the day succeeding.

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

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CHAPTER 292.

AN ACT to amend section 2266 of the statutes, relating to vacating plats.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2266 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 2266. Upon producing satisfactory evidence to the court that such notices have been given and served, such court shall proceed to hear all parties interested therein and determine such petition, and may in its discretion vacate such plat or any part thereof and enter judgment accordingly; and when it shall appear that such plat has been recorded for more than forty years preceding the filing of the application for vacation and that the streets within that part of the plat sought to be vacated have during all of said period remained in their natural conditions and have not been improved as streets and that such streets are not necessary as a means of reaching other platted property, and that all of the owners of all of the land within the part of the plat so sought to be vacated have joined in the petition, the court shall vacate such plat or part thereof and enter judgment accordingly. The judgment so made, together with the plat, if only a part of * * * the plat * * * may have been vacated. showing the part thereof so vacated, shall be recorded in the office of the register of deeds.

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

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