

or insured by the administrator of veterans' affairs or the federal housing administrator under the provisions of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 or the National Housing Act or under the provisions of acts supplementary thereto or amendatory thereof. In connection with such transactions, such minors may sell, release or convey such mortgaged property or any interest therein, and litigate or settle controversies arising therefrom, including the execution of releases, deeds, and other necessary papers or instruments. Such notes, mortgages, releases, deeds and other necessary papers or instruments when so executed shall not be subject to avoidance by such minor or the husband or wife of such minor upon either or both of them attaining the age of 21 because of the minority of either or both of them at the time of the execution thereof.

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CHAPTER 388.

AN ACT to repeal 213.09 (1); to renumber 61.56 and 61.57 to be 61.187 (1) and (2), 61.58 to be 61.189, 61.64 to be 61.15, 62.26 (8) to be 62.08 (4), 66.15 to be 62.13 (11a), and 66.16 to be 62.16 (10); to amend 62.14 (1), 66.06 (10) (g), 66.60 (16) (b), 70.055 and 70.75 (3), and to create 66.60 (16) (c) and 70.46 (1a) of the statutes, relating to city and village government so as to provide better arrangement of the statutes, eliminate inconsistencies and obsolete material, and clarify existing statutes.

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

SECTION 1. 61.56 and 61.57 of the statutes are renumbered 61.187 (1) and (2).

SECTION 2. 61.58 of the statutes is renumbered 61.189.

SECTION 3. 61.64 of the statutes is renumbered 61.15.

SECTION 4. 62.14 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
62.14 (1) There shall be a department known as the "Board of Public Works" to consist of 3 commissioners. In cities of the second class the commissioners shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council at their first regular meet-

ing or as soon thereafter as may be. The members of the first board shall hold their offices, 1, 2 and 3 years, respectively, and thereafter for 3 years or until their successors are qualified. In all other cities the board shall consist of the city attorney, city comptroller and city engineer. The council, by a two-thirds vote, may determine that the board of public works shall consist of other public officers or persons and provide for the election or appointment of the members thereof, or it may, by a like vote, dispense with such board, in which case its duties and powers shall be exercised by the council or a committee thereof, or by such *officer*, officers or boards as the council shall designate. The words "board of public works" wherever used in this chapter shall include such *officer*, officers, or boards as shall be designated to discharge its duties.

SECTION 5. 62.26 (8) of the statutes is renumbered 62.08 (4).

SECTION 6. 66.06 (10) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

66.06 (10) (g) In cities of the third or fourth class the council may provide for the operation of a public utility or utilities by the board of public works or by another *officer* or *officers*, in lieu of the commission above provided for.

SECTION 7. 66.15 of the statutes is renumbered 62.13 (11a).

SECTION 8. 66.16 of the statutes is renumbered 62.16 (10).

SECTION 9. 66.60 (16) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

66.60 (16) (b) Such special charges shall not be payable in instalments. If not paid within the period fixed by the governing body, such a delinquent special charge shall become a lien as provided in subsection (15) (a), as of the date of such delinquency, and shall *automatically* be extended upon the current or next tax roll in the same manner as provided in subsection (15) (a).

SECTION 10. 66.60 (16) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

66.60 (16) (c) Subsection (4) shall not be applicable to proceedings under this subsection.

SECTION 11. 70.055 of the statutes is amended to read:

70.055 Whenever the governing body of any town, village or city shall determine that an emergency exists in the assessment of the property of the taxation district and shall deem it necessary, after consultation with and approval by the department of taxation, to employ expert or additional clerical or other help to aid in making an assessment in order that

such assessment may be equitably made in compliance with law, such governing body shall have the power to employ such necessary help as may be approved by the department of taxation and at such compensation as shall be likewise approved. When so appointed such expert help, together with the assessor, shall * * * *act together as an assessment board in exercising the powers and duties of the assessor during such employment, and the concurrence of a majority of such board shall be necessary to determine any matter upon which they are required to act. When a single expert is employed the governing body may designate an employe of the state department of taxation to serve as a member of such board.*

SECTION 12. 70.46 (1a) of the statutes is created to read:

70.46 (1a) Whenever the duties of assessor are performed by one of the officers named to the board of review by subsection (1) then the governing body shall by ordinance designate another officer to serve on the board instead of the officer who performs the duties of assessor.

SECTION 13. 70.75 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

70.75 (3) Whenever the department shall determine, after the hearing provided for in subsection (1) * * * that the assessment complained of was not made in substantial compliance with law but that the interests of all the taxpayers of such district will best be promoted by special supervision of succeeding assessments to the end that the assessment of such district shall thereafter be lawfully made, it may proceed as follows: It may designate some person or persons in the employ of the department or appoint some other qualified person or persons to assist the local assessor in making the assessments to be thereafter made in such district. Such person or persons so appointed may give all or such part of their time to such supervision as, in the judgment of the department, shall be necessary to complete such assessment in substantial compliance with the law, and in performing such task shall have all the powers given by law to any person or persons designated to make a reassessment and together with the assessor shall constitute an assessment board as defined in section * * * 70.055. The cost of making such special supervision shall be borne by the taxation district and paid in the manner provided for upon a reassessment of such district; provided that in case the supervision is made by an employe of the department and not more

than 10 days is consumed in such work, the department may in its discretion make no charge for such services.

SECTION 14. 213.09 (1) of the statutes is repealed.

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CHAPTER 389.

AN ACT to amend 30.085 (6) (a) of the statutes, relating to contracts of boards of harbor commissioners in first, second and third class cities.

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

30.085 (6) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

30.085 (6) (a) All work done or supplies or material purchased in carrying out the purposes of the statutes relating to the board of harbor commissioners when involving the expenditure * * * *by cities of the second or third class of \$500 or more, and by cities of the first class of \$1,000 or more,* shall be by contract awarded to the lowest competent and reliable bidder, in accordance with the laws of this state and ordinances then applicable to any city having * * * *such board * * **, having reference to the letting of public work by and through the board or commissioner of public works, or other officer or officers, or department of such city, except that said board of harbor commissioners shall discharge the duties imposed by such laws upon the board or commissioner of public works, or other officer or officers, or department of such city; but said board of harbor commissioners shall have power to purchase without public advertisement or first receiving competitive bids, or the intervention of a formal contract, any patented article, appliance, apparatus, material or process, or any article, appliance, apparatus, material or process made or manufactured by one party only, *and without competitive bidding to contract for work or supplies or material in marine construction and repair work requiring the use of floating scows, pile drivers or other floating equipment at an expenditure by cities of the second or third class of less than \$500 and by cities of the first class of less than \$2,500.*

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