

to the city of Racine. *Blocks sixteen, twenty-nine and thirty of the above described land lying between the south line of Fourth street and the north line of Seventh street to be held and used by said city forever for the purpose of a public park.*

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

Approved May 31, 1917.

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CHAPTER 326

AN ACT to amend section 1 of chapter 313 of the laws of 1895, as amended by chapter 135, laws of 1915, to regulate the civil service of cities in the first and second classes and providing compensation for the commissioners.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Chapter 313 of the laws of 1895, as amended by Chapter 135 of the laws of 1915, is amended to read: (Chapter 313, Laws of 1895.) Section 1. The mayor of each city in this state, of the first class, or of the second class, as defined by Section 1 of Chapter 312, of the general laws of Wisconsin, enacted in 1893, whether such city be incorporated by special act of the legislature or under the general laws of the state, shall, before the fifteenth day of June, A. D. * * * 1917, or the fifteenth day of June in the year next following the first state or national census, showing such city to belong to either said first or second class, appoint * * * five persons, citizens and residents of said city, who shall constitute and be known as the board of city service commissioners of such city, and shall designate one of the persons so appointed to serve for a term of five years, one for a term of four years, one for a term of three years, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of one year, from the first Monday of July in the year of their appointment and until their respective successors are appointed and qualified *provided, however, that in cities having a board of city service commissioners the members of such board shall hold office and continue to be a member of such commission until the expiration of the term or terms of such member or members, the remaining commissioners provided for in this act to be appointed in the manner herein set forth;* and in each and every year after such first appointment, the mayor shall, in like manner, in the month of June, appoint one person as the successor of the commissioner whose term shall expire in that year, to serve as such commissioner for * * * five years from the first Monday of

July then next ensuing, and until his successor is appointed and qualified. Three commissioners shall constitute a quorum necessary for the transaction of business. Any vacancy in the office of commissioner occurring during the term shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the mayor and all appointments, both original and to fill vacancies, shall be so made that not more than two commissioners shall at the time of the appointment be members of the same political party. Said commissioners shall hold no lucrative office or employment under the United States, the state of Wisconsin, or any municipal corporation or political division thereof, and each commissioner shall before entering upon the discharge of the duties of his office and within ten days after receiving notice of his appointment, take and subscribe the oath of office prescribed by the constitution of this state, and file the same, duly certified by the officer administering it with the city clerk of his city. Each commissioner may receive compensation to be fixed by the common council.

SECTION 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

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

Approved May 31, 1917.

No. 483, S.]

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CHAPTER 327

AN ACT to create section 959—133 of the statutes, relating to the organization of the common council in cities of the first class.

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

SECTION 1. A new section is added to the statutes to read: Section 959—133. 1. In every city of the first class, whether incorporated under general law or special charter, at the primary election preceding the first general city election after the passage of this act there shall be submitted to the electors the following questions, which shall be so printed on the ballot that the electors may vote separately on each of said questions:

(1) Shall the common council remain as at present constituted, viz.: one alderman from each ward, elected for two years, and twelve aldermen at large, six to be elected biennially for four year terms?

(2) Shall the common council consist of one alderman from each ward, elected for a term of four years, and twelve aldermen at large, elected for a term of four years, six to be elected biennially for four years?