

laying of sewers and water mains, erection of public buildings, other than schools, and the permanent improvement of streets and all work incidental to such public construction shall be under the immediate supervision of the city engineer subject only to the direction of the common council; providing, said common council shall by two-thirds vote of the members-elect adopt an ordinance so providing.

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

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CHAPTER 59

AN ACT to amend section 7, chapter 459 of the laws of 1907, relating to school boards and common and high schools in cities of the first class.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7 of chapter 459 of the laws of 1907, is amended to read: Section 7. The board of directors of each city in which this act shall be applicable is hereby authorized and required to establish and organize so many public schools, in addition to those already established in such city, as may be necessary for the accommodation of the children of the city entitled by the constitution and laws of the state, to instruction therein.

The said board, as herein provided, shall erect, purchase, hire or lease buildings, improve or enlarge the same, and purchase furniture and lots for the accommodation of such public schools of said city, and purchase, install and maintain heating systems in said schools, and enter into contract for the carrying out of any of the purposes authorized in this act; provided, however, that when the board of directors shall contemplate the doing of any work or the purchasing of any material, the estimated cost of which shall exceed the sum of five hundred dollars, said board of directors shall advertise for proposals for doing the same, a plan or profile of the work to be done, accompanied with specifications for doing the same, or other appropriate sufficient description of the work required to be done, and all the kinds or quality of material to be furnished, being first placed on file in the office of said board for the information of bidders and others. Such advertisement shall be published at least six days in the official papers of such city and shall state the work to be

done and the time for doing the same, which shall in all cases be such reasonable time as may be necessary to enable the contractor with proper diligence to perform and complete such work.

All proposals shall be sealed, and directed to said board and shall be accompanied with a bond to such city in the penal sum not less than thirty per cent. of the amount of the board's estimate of the cost of such work, as such board in such advertisement may direct, *or in lieu of said bond shall be accompanied by a certified check to such city in the amount of not less than fifteen per cent. of the amount of the board's estimate of the cost of such work, or in lieu of said bond or said certified check, said proposal shall be accompanied by cash in the amount of not less than fifteen per cent., of the amount of said board's estimate of the cost of such work,* and such board in letting any such contract and in doing such work shall proceed in manner and form and have the power and authority in manner and form as is vested in the board of public works, or other public officer or officers, of any such city for the doing of any public work and the entering into contracts therefor. Such board shall also have authority to reserve the right to reject any and all bids submitted. Such contracts shall run in the name of the said city, and shall be executed and signed by the president and secretary of the board of school directors, countersigned by the comptroller of said city, and shall be approved by the city attorney of the said city, as to form and execution. The selection of sites for school buildings and adoption of plans for the erection of school buildings, shall be determined by a committee consisting of the president of the board of school directors, the chairman of the committee on buildings of said board of school directors and the superintendent of schools who shall be known as the statutory committee on school sites and plans. Their decision shall be subject to the approval of the said board of school directors. The schoolhouses now erected and the lots on which they are situated and the lots now or hereafter purchased for school purposes and the schoolhouses thereon erected shall be the property of the city; no lot shall be purchased or leased, nor shall any schoolhouse be erected without resolution duly passed by the board of school directors. Deeds of conveyance and leases shall be made to the city.

The said board shall also have the power to establish and define from time to time the boundaries of all common and high school districts in such manner as they may deem best calculated to promote the interests of the schools.

The board shall also have the power, subject to the powers

and regulations of the city service commission, to employ all janitors necessary in the schoolhouses of their city and to fix their compensation, but the principal of each school shall be custodian of all buildings and rooms occupied by the school over which he presides and shall have the general supervision over the same, and shall direct the janitor thereof in relation to the keeping and care of such buildings and rooms.

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

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CHAPTER 60

AN ACT to create subsection (4) of section 10.36 of the statutes, relating to official city ballots.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to section 10.36 of the statutes a new subsection to read: (10.36) (4) The city clerk shall rotate on the official ballot the surnames of the candidates who are entitled to have their names placed thereon as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of section 5.11.

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

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CHAPTER 61

AN ACT to amend section 1943b of the statutes, relating to boards of underwriters, and to create sections 1946—1 to 1946—18, inclusive, of the statutes, relating to fire insurance rate-making, prohibiting discrimination, and providing a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1943b of the statutes is amended to read: Section 1943b. No fire, fire and marine, or marine and inland insurance company or association, its agent or representative doing business in this state shall, either directly or indirectly, enter into any contract, agreement, combination or compact with any other such company or companies or its or their agents or representatives for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a fixed schedule or schedules of rates; * * * *except such*