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AN ACT to amend section fifty, chapter six of the acts of the legislature (municipal charters), one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine, relating to the charter of the city of Wheeling.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section fifty, chapter six of the acts of the legislature (municipal charters), one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine, relating to the charter of the city of Wheeling, be amended to read as follows:

Section 50. The council may cause to be taken or damaged 2 for the use of the city, for streets, alleys, markets, bridges, pub-3 lic squares, parks, playgrounds and other municipal purposes, 4 including occupation by sewer, water pipes, gas pipes, heating 5 pipes, compressed air pipes and electric or other subways, any 6 private property within the city (but where such use is to se-

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7 cure or improve the water supply, or for park, playgrounds, 8 sanitary or cemetery purposes, outside the limits of the city), 9 but no such property shall be taken or damaged without just 10 compensation. The compensation, if it cannot be determined 11 by agreement with the owner of the property so taken or dam12 aged, shall be ascertained in such manner as is or may be pre13 scribed by general law for the condemnation of land for public 14 purposes. In addition to all other levies provided by law, the 15 council of the city of Wheeling shall have the right to levy an16 nually not to exceed five cents on each one hundred dollars of 17 the assessed valuation of the property within the limits of the 18 city according to the last assessment thereof for state and county 19 purposes, for the purpose of obtaining and maintaining parks, 20 playgrounds and recreation centers.

For the management of that plat of ground heretofore known 22 as Wheeling park, and donated to the city of Wheeling on the 23 eighteenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred twenty-24 four, for use as a municipal park, and for the management of 25 such other parks as may hereafter be acquired by the city of 26 Wheeling there shall be, and there is hereby created a commis-27 sion to be known as "Wheeling park commission," and the

28 same is hereby made a body corporate, and by that name the

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29 commission may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded; and 30 contract and be contracted with. The said commission shall 31 consist of five citizens of the city of Wheeling, who shall be 32 appointed in the manner hereinafter set out, and who shall 33 serve without compensation and shall hold no remunerative 34 political office, either state, county or municipal; and no mem-35 ber of the commission shall be eligible to appointment to 36 any remunerative office or position under the jurisdiction of 37 the commission. Before the first day of March, one thousand 38 nine hundred twenty-five, the board of directors of the Wheel-39 ing chamber of commerce shall appoint three members of the 40 said commission, and the city council shall appoint two mem-41 bers of the same commission. The said commissioners ap-42 pointed by the board of directors of the Wheeling chamber of 43 commerce shall hold office from March first, one thousand nine 44 hundred twenty-five, for one, two and four years, respectively. 45 as designated by said board of directors, and the two members 46 of the commission appointed by the city council shall hold office 47 from March first, one thousand nine hundred twenty-five for 48 three and five years respectively, as designated by the city

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69 shall have all and sole power necessary, convenient and ad-

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70 visable for the proper care, equipment and management of 71 the said Wheeling park and other parks hereafter acquired by 72 the city of Wheeling, either by gift or purchase, and shall make 73 such rules and regulations as it shall deem expedient for the 74 care and management thereof.

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In order to provide for the purchase of the equipment for 75 76 use in Wheeling park and Oglebay park (Waddington) and for 77 the maintenance and upkeep of said Wheeling park and Ogle-78 bay park, the city council of Wheeling shall levy annually 79 on each one hundred dollars of the assessed valuation of the 80 property in the limits of the city, according to the last as-81 sessment thereof for state and county purposes, as follows:

82 On class I property, one and one-half cents.

83 On class II property, three cents.

On class IV property, six cents. 84

85 Except that the city council may levy a lesser amount when 86 requested to do so by the commission, in which case the above 87 levies shall be reduced proportionally. These levies shall be in-88 eluded in the maximum rates established by section eleven, 89 article eight, chapter eleven of the code, as amended by the 90 acts of one thousand nine hundred thirty-three. The proceeds

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91 of this levy shall be for the exclusive use of said Wheeling 92 park, Oglebay park and any other parks hereafter acquired as 93 aforesaid by the city of Wheeling, and shall be disbursed only 94 upon the order of the commission evidenced by warrants drawn 95 on the city treasurer, and signed by the chairman and the 96 secretary-treasurer of the commission.

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