

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.  
Approved March 6, 1868.

## CHAPTER 140.

[Published March 12, 1868.]

AN ACT to prescribe certain duties to be performed and certain records to be kept by county judges.

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

County judge shall keep court record.

SECTION 1. There shall be kept in the office of the several county courts of this state, a book, to be called a "court record," and when any matter or proceeding is had or brought in any county court, upon petition or otherwise, the county judge shall cause the same to be entered, in a proper manner, under or with a proper title, in such "court records," with a brief statement of the nature of the matter or proceeding, and all papers that are filed, that in any wise relate to the matter or proceeding, shall at the time of their filing be entered in such record, with the date of filing and a statement of the nature of the paper filed, so that the record will show the date of filing of all papers in the matter or proceeding, and be a complete index, or brief history of the matter or proceeding, from its beginning to the final disposition thereof: *provided, further,* such record shall be correctly paged and indexed.

Shall keep minute book.

SECTION 2. There shall be kept by the several county judges of this state a "minute book," in which they shall enter a brief statement of all the proceedings of the county court during its holdings, and shall also show all motions made, and by whom, and all orders granted in open court or otherwise; together with the names of all witnesses sworn or examined upon any matter, proceeding or hearing, had in said court; *and it is further provided,* that the volume and page of the minute book, where any minute record is

## GENERAL LAWS.—CH. 141.

made, shall be noted in the aforesaid "court record," so that the court record will show where all minute entries can be found in each matter or proceeding of record therein.

SECTION 3. When any witness is sworn or examined in any matter or proceeding, in the several county courts of this state, the testimony of the witness shall be reduced to writing and filed with the other papers in the matter or proceeding.

Testimony of  
witnesses to be  
reduced to writ-  
ing.

SECTION 4. All wills admitted to probate and all orders made in any matter or proceeding, shall be recorded in full, in books of record, to be kept in the county judge's office for that purpose.

Wills to be re-  
corded.

SECTION 5. In case any county judge shall neglect or refuse to comply with the provisions of this act, he shall forfeit a fine and penalty of not less than one hundred dollars in each case of such neglect or refusal, to be collected in the same manner that other penalties and forfeitures are now collected by law.

Penalty for neg-  
lect to comply  
with this act.

SECTION 6. The county of Milwaukee is hereby excepted from the operation of this act, and none of the provisions thereof shall apply to the county judge of Milwaukee county.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 6, 1868.

---

## CHAPTER 141.

[Published March 13, 1868.]

AN ACT to provide for the taxation of telegraph companies, and to repeal chapter 160 of the general laws of 1867, entitled "an act to provide for the taxation of telegraph companies."

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

SECTION 1. The several telegraph and other companies now engaged in the business of telegraphing in this state, or which may hereafter engage in such business therein, shall, on or before the tenth day of January

Must report  
number of  
miles of tele-  
graph lines to  
treasurer.