

CHAPTER 72.

[Published March 3, 1873.]

AN ACT to amend section one of chapter twenty of the general laws of 1866, entitled "an act to provide for the annual publication of a legislative manual."

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

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter twenty of the general laws of 1866 is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 1. It shall be the duty of the secretary of state to cause to be prepared and printed by the state printer, annually hereafter, for the use of the senate and assembly, a book to be denominated a "Manual," which shall contain "Jefferson's Manual," the rules and orders of the senate and assembly, joint rules of the senate and assembly, list of senators and assemblymen, and employes of each house, diagrams of the senate and assembly chambers, statistical and other information of the same description with that contained in the books heretofore procured by clerks of the two houses respectively, with such other matter as may be deemed useful.

Amended—
shall cause
manual to be
printed.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved February 28, 1873.

 CHAPTER 73.

[Published March 4, 1873.]

AN ACT to facilitate the settlement of the estates of deceased persons, and to amend sections five and seven of chapter one hundred and one of the revised statutes, entitled "of the payment of debts and legacies of deceased persons."

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

SECTION 1. Section five of chapter one hundred and one of the revised statutes, entitled "of the payment of debts and legacies of deceased persons," is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 5.

Amended—
time fixed for
allowance of ac-
counts.

The county court shall allow such time as the circumstances of the case shall require for the creditors to present their claims to the commissioners for examination and allowance, which time shall not, in the first instance, exceed one year, nor be less than four months, and the time allowed shall be stated in the commission. But if the time allowed shall be less than six months, the first publication of notice to creditors shall be made within ten days from the date of the order fixing the time.

Amended—
court may allow
further time.

SECTION 2. Section seven of said chapter one hundred and one is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 7. On the application of a creditor who has failed to present his claim, if made within two months from the time previously limited, the court may, for good cause shown, renew the commission and allow further time, not exceeding one month, for the commissioners to examine such claim, in which case the commissioners shall personally notify the parties of the time and place of hearing, and within ten days, shall make return of their doings to the county court.

Settlement
with executors.

SECTION 3. Two months after the time allowed to creditors to present their claims, every executor or administrator shall render his account of his administration; and the county court shall thereupon, by order, direct and command the said executor or administrator to proceed forthwith to a final settlement of the estate in the manner prescribed by law, unless it shall appear upon proof duly made:

Exceptions.

1. That the personal assets in the hands of the executor or administrator are not sufficient to pay the debts of the deceased, and that it is necessary to sell the real estate to pay such debts; or

2. That an appeal has been taken from an allowance of the commissioners or county judge, and is pending and undetermined; or

3. That a contingent claim has been presented, exhibited and allowed; or

4. That the debts due to the estate have not been collected; or

5. That it would be advantageous to the estate to allow the executor or administrator further time to make a final settlement.

Final settle-
ment to be en-
forced.

SECTION 4. If an order shall be made directing and commanding the executor or administrator to proceed forthwith to a final settlement, the county court shall, at the same time, make an order or judgment, if any claims have been proven, for the payment of the debts according to law. If any executor or administrator

shall neglect, delay or refuse to comply with the order directing and commanding him to proceed forthwith to a final settlement, the county court shall attach him as for a contempt.

SECTION 5. This act, so far as it may be applicable, shall apply to all estates now in process of administration. Application.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 74.

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AN ACT to authorize improvement companies to have a lien on logs, timber or lumber.

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

SECTION 1. Every company in this state, incorporated for the improvement of rivers or streams, whose charter authorizes the collection of tolls on logs, timber or lumber for said improvement, driving or any other work done on and about said logs, shall have a lien on said logs, timber or lumber for said tolls, and shall have the right, by their officers or authorized agent, to seize and hold the same, and proceed to collect the tolls due thereon, according to chapter one hundred and fifty-four of the general laws of 1862 of this state, and the several acts amendatory thereof. Shall have lien for toll.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved February 28, 1873.