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## CHAPTER 191.

AN ACT relating to evidence.

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

SECTION 1. Official certificates of births, marriages or deaths, issued in foreign countries in which such births, marriages or deaths have occurred, purporting to be founded on books of record, and authenticated by the signature of any United States minister, secretary of legation or other diplomatic officer, or by a consul of the United States, accredited to or appointed for the foreign country in which such certificates are issued, shall be received in the courts of this state as *prima facie* evidence of the facts in such certificates stated.

Proof of dates of births, marriages and deaths.

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

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## CHAPTER 192.

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AN ACT to regulate the bringing of actions for penalties, and appeals therein.

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

SECTION 1. No summons, warrant or other process shall hereafter be issued by any justice of the peace or other officer, in any action to recover a penalty, forfeiture or fine, under the provisions of chapter 155 of the revised statutes, unless a complaint shall be made and filed by the district attorney, or the mayor or alderman of an incorporated city or village, or a member of the town board of supervisors residing in the county where such penalty is incurred, with such justice of the peace or other officer, prior to the issuing of such process, unless in cases where the right of making such complaint is expressly conferred by statute upon other persons; and no appeal shall be taken

Complaint to be filed by proper officer before summons shall be issued.