

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 231.

AN ACT to provide for the appointment of five commissioners, who shall furnish to the next legislature certain information, and who shall report to said legislature a bill to re-district the state into judicial circuits, equalizing the labors of the judges thereof, and determining the salaries of said judges.

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

Appointment of commissioners to make report concerning circuit courts to next legislature.

SECTION 1. The governor of the state is hereby authorized to appoint five competent persons as commissioners to ascertain and report to the next succeeding legislature the average duration per annum for the last three years of aggregate circuit court sessions in each county organized for judicial purposes, and in each circuit as at present constituted ; and to report a bill to the next succeeding legislature to re-district the state into such number of such circuits as will equalize the labors of the judges thereof, and to determine the salaries of the said judges. And it is hereby made the further duty of such commissioners to report to the next succeeding legislature whether or not, in their judgment, it is feasible or desirable to provide for the rotation of the several circuit judges among the several circuits, and for the holding of the court by the several circuit judges in any other circuits than their own ; and if by them deemed feasible or desirable, to report by bill a plan for such interchange or rotation.

When commissioners to enter upon their duties.

SECTION 2. The commissioners appointed in pursuance of section 1 of this act shall enter upon their work as soon as practicable ; and when their duties shall have been completed, the said commissioners shall report as provided in section 1.

Necessary expenses of commissioners to be paid by state.

SECTION 3. The commissioners before mentioned shall receive their actual traveling and other necessary expenses, incurred while engaged in attending to the duties of the commission, to be audited by the secretary of state, upon the presentation of a written statement of such expenses by the said commissioners, and

paid out of the state treasury, out of any moneys belonging to the general fund, not otherwise appropriated; *provided*, that nothing in this act shall be construed as giving the said commissioners any claim on the state for services rendered under its provisions, except for traveling and other necessary expenses actually incurred while in the performance of such duty.

SECTION 4. In case any of the commissioners become incapacitated by reason of sickness or other cause, to perform their duties under this act, the governor of the state is hereby authorized to appoint a suitable person or persons to take the place of the commissioner or commissioners so incapacitated.

Vacancies in commission to be filled by the governor.

SECTION 5. It is hereby made the duty of the clerk of each circuit court of this state, under the direction of the judge of said circuit court, to prepare and return as speedily as possible to the commission herein created, upon request made by said commission, any and all information desired by said commission in regard to the circuit court sessions of the court of which such clerk is the clerk; and in regard to any other facts within the knowledge of such clerk; and in regard to any records in his possession necessary for the purpose of enabling said commission to comply with the provisions of this act.

Duties of clerks of circuit courts.

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

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CHAPTER 232.

AN ACT to provide for the purchase of two hundred and fifty copies of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary.;

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

SECTION 1. The state superintendent of public instruction is hereby authorized and directed to purchase on behalf of the state, two hundred and fifty (250) copies of the latest edition of Webster's unabridged dictionary, at a cost, delivered at his office, not to exceed six dollars per copy.

Authority to purchase dictionaries.

SECTION 2. The said dictionaries when procured shall be distributed in accordance with the provisions

How same to be distributed.