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## CHAPTER 246.

AN ACT to fix the salary of circuit judges, and to repeal a portion of section 170, chapter 12, of the revised statutes.

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

Salary of circuit judges increased.

SECTION 1. Each of the several judges of the circuit courts, of this state, shall hereafter receive an annual salary of three thousand six hundred dollars, to be paid quarterly, in accordance with existing laws; but this act shall not affect the compensation of any judge during the term of office for which he has already been elected or appointed.

SECTION 2. So much of section 170, of chapter 12, of the revised statutes, as conflicts with the provisions of this act is hereby repealed.

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

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## CHAPTER 247.

AN ACT to amend chapter 319, laws of 1883, relating to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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

Labor statistics law amended.

SECTION 1. Chapter 319, laws of 1883, entitled, "An act to create a bureau of labor statistics," is hereby amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and substituting for the part struck out the following: There is hereby created a bureau of labor census and industrial statistics, with headquarters in the capitol building, for which stationery, postage, expressage, printing and facilities for transacting business shall be furnished the same as for other executive departments.

SECTION 2. The governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, shall appoint quadrennially on the first Monday of February, a competent person to be commissioner of the said bureau.

Governor shall appoint.

SECTION 3. The said commissioner shall have power to appoint a deputy at a salary not to exceed one hundred and twenty-five dollars per month, who, when acting for or instead of said commissioner, shall have and may exercise equal power and authority. He may also appoint a clerk at a salary not exceeding one hundred dollars per month, and a factory inspector who shall reside in Milwaukee, and be and work under the direction and control of the commissioner, at a salary of twelve hundred dollars per year and actual traveling expenses, stated under oath, while engaged in bureau work outside of Milwaukee.

Commissioner may appoint deputy and clerk.

Duties of said commissioner.

SECTION 4. The duties of the said commissioner shall be, to collect, collate and publish statistics and facts relative to the manufactures, industrial classes and material resources of the state; and especially to examine into the relations between labor and capital, the means of escape from fire and protection of life and health in factories and workshops, the employment of illegal child labor, the exaction of unlawful hours of labor from women and children, the educational, sanitary, moral and financial condition of laborers and artisans, the cost of food, fuel, clothing and building material, the causes of strikes and lockouts, as well as kindred subjects and matters pertaining to the welfare of industrial interests and classes.

Powers of commissioner and his deputy, etc.

SECTION 5. The commissioner, his deputy, or the factory inspector shall have power to enter any factory, or workshop in which labor is employed, for the purpose of gathering facts and statistics, or of examining the means of escape from fire, and the provisions made for the health and safety of operatives in such factory or workshop; and in case the officer of the bureau shall discover any violations of or neglect to comply with the laws in respect to child labor, hours of labor for women and children, fire escapes, and similar enactments now or hereafter to be made, he shall notify the owner or occupant of such factory or workshop, in writing, of the offense or neglect, and if such offense or neglect is not corrected or remedied within thirty days after the service of the notice

aforesaid, he shall lodge formal complaint with the district attorney of the county in which the offense is committed or the neglect occurs, whereupon that officer shall proceed at once against the offender according to law.

**Powers of factory inspector.**

SECTION 6. The factory inspector or any officer of the bureau, may examine hotels and lodging or boarding houses, for the purpose of discovering whether they are properly equipped with lawful fire escapes; and he may post in any hotel, lodging or boarding house so examined, the laws upon this matter, together with his official statement as to whether the said laws are fully complied with by said hotel, lodging or boarding house; and any hotel, lodging or boarding house keeper, or other person, who shall mutilate, destroy or remove from any building or buildings, the said laws or statement so posted, shall be fined fifty dollars for each and every offense, upon complaint of any officer of the bureau or any citizen. Whenever any hotel, lodging or boarding house, that has been posted, as not complying with the terms of the laws in respect of fire escapes, shall be properly provided and equipped with lawful fire escapes, and the bureau shall be notified thereof, the commissioners shall at once order a new statement setting forth that fact, to be posted in said hotel, lodging or boarding house; and the bureau shall keep a record of all buildings so examined and posted.

**Further power of factory inspector.**

SECTION 7. The factory inspector or any officer of the bureau, may post in any factory or workshop examined by him, the laws now or hereafter to be made in respect of child labor, hours of labor, fire escapes, or other matters pertaining to the health and safety of artisans; and if the owner, manager or proprietor of such factory or workshop, or his agent, or any person whomsoever, shall remove, destroy or mutilate the laws so posted, he shall, on complaint of any officer of the bureau, or any citizen, be fined fifty dollars for each and every offense.

**Blank forms to be prescribed by the commissioner.**

SECTION 8. The said commissioner shall have power to prescribe blank forms, and transmit them to employers, which shall be filled out clearly and completely, under oath, by the persons to whom they are sent, with the facts, statistics and statements asked for, and returned to him within such reasonable time as he may fix. In case any owner

or occupant, or his agent, shall refuse to admit any officer of the said bureau to his workshop or factory, he shall forfeit the sum of ten dollars for each and every offense, and if he shall, through his agent or otherwise, neglect, fail or refuse to fill out the said blank forms, and verify and return them as required, he shall forfeit the sum of ten dollars for each and every day the said blanks may be so delayed beyond the time fixed by the commissioner for their return. The forfeits named and provided in this act shall be sued for in the name of the state, by the district attorney of the proper county, upon complaint of any officer of said bureau, or any citizen, and shall be paid into the school fund.

SECTION 9. There shall be provided a seal of office for the use of the bureau, and the commissioner or his deputy, for the purpose of making any investigation contemplated by this act, shall have power to administer oaths, take testimony and subpoena witnesses, which witnesses shall receive the same fees as are allowed to persons testifying in circuit courts, to be paid out of the contingent fund of the bureau; provided, however, that no person subpoenaed by the said commissioner or his deputy, shall be compelled to go outside of the city or town in which he resides to testify in behalf of such investigation.

A seal to be provided for use of the bureau.

SECTION 10. The commissioners shall report biennially to the governor, accompanying his report with such suggestions and recommendations as may be deemed wise and proper. The said report shall be printed and distributed according to the provisions of the law governing the printing of other state reports.

Shall report biennially to governor.

SECTION 11. The compensation of the said commissioner shall be two thousand dollars per annum, and a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars per annum for traveling and contingent expenses, and a further sum of fifty dollars per annum for the purchase of books and periodicals on labor and industrial matters for the bureau library. There is hereby appropriated annually, out of any moneys in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, a sum sufficient to carry out the provisions of this act.

Compensation to commissioner.

SECTION 12. All acts and parts of acts conflicting with this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 13. This act shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication.  
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## CHAPTER 248.

AN ACT to detach certain territory from the towns of Westboro and Chelsea, and erect therefrom the town of Rib Lake.

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

Certain territories may be detached.

SECTION 1. All that territory in Taylor county described as follows, to wit: The east half of township thirty-three north, of range two east, and sections four, nine, sixteen, twenty-one, twenty-eight and thirty-three of said township, and township thirty-three north, of range three east, now forming a part of the town of Westboro, together with all that territory embraced within the following limits, to wit: All of sections number one, two, three, in township number thirty-two north, of range two east, and all of the north half of township number thirty-two north, of range three east, now forming a part of the town of Chelsea, is hereby set off and detached from said respective towns of Westboro and Chelsea and shall constitute and be known as the town of Rib Lake.

Apportionment of indebtedness.

SECTION 2. The indebtedness to be apportioned to the town of Rib Lake, shall bear the same ratio to that apportioned to each of the other towns hereinbefore mentioned, as does the assessed valuation of that portion of the town detached bear to that situated in the town, from which the said territory was detached by this act, according to the last assessment rolls of said towns, and the said town of Rib Lake shall pay its proportion of indebtedness ascertained as aforesaid to the towns of Westboro and Chelsea, respectively.

First election where held.

SECTION 3. The qualified electors of the town of Rib Lake shall meet at the house known as J. J. Kennedy's boarding house in said town of Rib