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## CHAPTER 475.

AN ACT to prescribe the number and duties of the legislative employes, fixing their compensation and providing for the printing of all bills, memorials, joint resolutions and the journals of each house.

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

Officers of  
senate.

SECTION 1. The officers of the senate, other than the president *ex-officio* and president *pro-tempore*, shall be one chief clerk, one assistant clerk, one journal clerk, one book-keeper, two proof-readers, two copy-holders, one index clerk, one enrolling clerk, one custodian of the enrolling room, one clerk of the judiciary committee, one clerk of the joint committee on claims, one printing page, one sergeant-at-arms, one assistant sergeant at-arms, one postmaster, one assistant postmaster, one document clerk, one document room attendant, four door-keepers, one gallery attendant who shall act as committee-room attendant, two attendants, one janitor, one costodian for committee rooms, one night watchman and nine messengers. The officers of the assembly, other than the speaker, shall be one chief clerk, one assistant chief clerk, one journal clerk, one assistant journal clerk, one book keeper, one assistant book-keeper, two proof readers, two copy holders, one index clerk, one stationery clerk, one enrolling clerk, one custodian of the enrolling room, one clerk of the judiciary committee, one printing page, one sergeant-at-arms, one assistant sergeant-at-arms, one postmaster, one assistant postmaster, four door-keepers, two gallery attendants who shall act as committee room attendants, one general attendant for the assembly chamber who shall act as policeman, one document clerk, one document room attendant, one porter who shall act as wash-room attendant, one night watchman, two custodians for committee rooms and eleven

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assembly.

messengers. After the legislature has been in session thirty days, the chief clerks of the senate and assembly may employ two comparing clerks, one assistant index clerk, one assistant enrolling clerk, one ruling clerk, one proof reader, one copy holder and the committees on engrossed and enrolled bills of the senate and assembly, and the committee on bills on their third reading in the assembly, shall have power to appoint a clerk, should the good of the service demand it. The chief clerks of the senate and assembly shall appoint their own assistants, and may discharge any of said assistants for cause or for the cessation of the work which made their employment necessary, and upon extraordinary occasions, there may be employed in each house, in addition to those named, not to exceed four general clerks. The chief clerks of the senate and assembly may also employ such copyists as the proper and expeditious transaction of the business of their departments may require. Additional clerks for committees may be employed upon extraordinary occasions therefor, but then only upon joint resolutions of the two houses. The messengers may be assigned for attendance upon committees when necessary. The sergeant-at-arms of each house shall appoint and have full charge of the employes in his department and shall have full authority to discharge any employes who are found unqualified and unfit for the service assigned to them, and employ competent persons in their place.

Additional  
clerks.

**SECTION 2.** The chief clerks of the senate and assembly shall receive a salary of eight hundred dollars each for every regular session, and ten dollars per diem for each special session, and fifty dollars for opening each session, which shall be in full for all services rendered. The other officers and employes shall receive pay per diem as follows: The assistant clerks, journal clerks, book-keeper, assistant book-keeper and sergeants at arms five dollars each. The index clerks, proof-readers, enrolling clerks, the assistant sergeants at arms, postmasters, document-room clerks, clerk of joint committee on claims, and clerks of judiciary committees of each house four dollars each; all other committee clerks, three dollars and fifty cents each; the messengers two dollars each; all other clerks and employes

Pay of officers  
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three dollars each. The copyists shall be paid one dollar per day from the date of their employment, and fifteen cents per folio for enrolling, and ten cents per folio for other copying, the term "folio" meaning one hundred words, full count, and only on accepted work; the compensation of such clerks or employes to date from the time that they subscribe to the oath of office and enter upon the discharge of their duties, such oath of office to be filed with the secretary of state.

Printing of bills, memorials, etc.

SECTION 3. All bills, memorials, joint resolutions and the journals of the two houses, shall be printed by the state printer. The proof readers shall carefully read the proof of all bills, memorials, and joint resolutions before they are finally printed. When such proof is read and revised, the state printer shall furnish two hundred and fifty copies of each, in form and size, as is now provided by law. One copy of such bill, memorial and joint resolution shall be folded and endorsed on the back, and referred to the appropriate committee, with the original bill, memorial or joint resolution. If an amendment shall be made to the bill, memorial or joint resolution, it shall be carefully inserted by the proof readers with pen and ink with full endorsement as to its origin and adoption, and when ever any such printed copy of any bill, memorial or joint resolution, shall be in fair and legible form, it shall be reported back as the engrossed bill. The state printer shall furnish the senate and assembly with two hundred and fifty proof-sheets of the proceedings of each house printed on tinted print paper for examination and correction, and after the proof has been carefully read and all errors eliminated, five hundred copies of the journals shall be printed of size and form as now prescribed by law of which ten copies shall be upon bond paper. He shall also print on good book paper and bind in half binding, with sheep backs and corners, five hundred copies of the journals of each house of the legislature as now prescribed by law; five of the copies printed on bond paper as aforesaid shall be furnished to the chief clerk of the senate and five copies to the chief clerk of the assembly, who shall preserve them until the close of the

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session. After the index shall have been completed the chief clerk of the senate and chief clerk of the assembly shall each cause one copy of the journal and index of the house of which he is such officer, printed on bond paper, to be bound and lettered properly, and shall attach thereto his certificate in writing that the same is the journal of such house and shall deliver the same to the secretary of state, to be deposited in his office, which printed journals shall be the official records of the legislature. The compensation of the state printer for the printing of bills, memorials, joint resolutions and the journals shall be as now provided by law.

**SECTION 4.** The chief clerks of the senate and assembly, and sergeant-at-arms of each house shall certify to the secretary of state the names of all persons employed in their respective departments, the capacity in which employed, and the amounts respectively due them, which certificate shall be approved by the presiding officer of the house in which they are employed. Upon such certificate the secretary of state shall draw his warrant upon the state treasurer for the amounts therein named, and the same shall be paid out of the state treasury. At the close of each session of the legislature, the secretary of state shall publish in the official state paper a full list of the accounts so audited.

Names of employees to be certified to secretary of state.

**SECTION 5.** All acts and parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed, in so far as they so conflict.

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

Approved April 25, 1891.