

Assistant chief
clerk of
land office.

SECTION 170d. There shall be one of the clerks in the state land office appointed as assistant chief clerk, who shall have during the absence of the chief clerk, all the authority given by law to the chief clerk of the state land office.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of July, 1897.

Approved April 28, 1897.

No. 391, S.]

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CHAPTER 356.

AN ACT to prevent the combinations of fire insurance companies.

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

Combinations
between fire
insurance
companies
prohibited.

SECTION 1. No fire, fire and marine, or marine and inland insurance company or association, its agent or representatives doing business in this state, shall, either directly or indirectly, enter into any contract, agreement, combination or compact with any other such company or companies or its or their agents or representatives for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a fixed schedule or schedule of rates; provided, however, that in cities and villages it shall be lawful for the local board of underwriters incorporated under the statutes of this state, and in case of the non-existence of such local board therein, then and in that event it shall be lawful for an association of the local agents in such city or village, to, from time to time, establish and maintain rates therein, and for them and such companies represented by

them to enter into any lawful contract or agreement to so establish and maintain rates so made; provided, however, that all such schedules of rates shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of the assured. It is hereby made the duty of the commissioner of insurance of this state to enforce compliance with the provisions of this section, and it shall be his duty to revoke the license of each and every such insurance company violating the provisions of this section and to report such violation to the attorney-general of the state for prosecution, and each and every such company violating the provisions of this section shall be subject to a penalty of five hundred (\$500) dollars for each and every violation of the same.

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

Approved April 27, 1897.

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CHAPTER 357.

AN ACT to prevent corporations organized under the laws of this state from entering into any combination, conspiracy, trust, agreement or contract, intended to operate in restraint of any lawful trade or commerce carried on in this state.

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

SECTION 1. Corporations organized under the laws of this state are prohibited from enter-