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CHAPTER 48.

AN ACT to amend chapter 357 of the laws of 1891, entitled
“An act conferring additional jurisdiction on the county
court of Portage county.”

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

Jurisdiction of judge; temporary substitute. SECTION 1.
Section 1 of chapter 357 of the laws of 1891 is hereby amended
by adding at the end of said section the follows: “Provided
that upon presentation to the mayor of the said city of Stevens
Point of an affidavit made by the city attorney or by the chief
of police, or any policeman, of the said city, setting forth that
the judge of the said county court, by reason of sickness, ab-
sence or temporary disability is unable to act, the said mayor
shall by an endorsement in writing on said affidavit, designate
and appoint one of the justices of the peace of the said city to
hear, try and determine all actions arising under the charter
and ordinances of said city. Upon the filing of such affidavit
with him, the said justice so designated shall have jurisdiction
to hear, try and determine all such actions during such sick-
ness, absence or disability of said judge of said county court.
Such justice shall make his report, and pay over all fines col-
lected by him, in the manner provided by the charter and ordi-
nances of the said city of Stevens Point,” so that said section
when so amended shall read as follows: “Section 1. There
is hereby conferred upon the county court of Portage county,
jurisdiction as follows: The county court of the county of
Portage shall have cognizance of, and jurisdiction to hear, try
and determine all actions and proceedings at law, wherein the
amount of debt, damages, penalty, or forfeiture shall not ex-
ceed the sum of five hundred dollars; actions to recover the
possession of personal property with damages for the unlawful
taking or detention thereof, wherein the value of the property
claimed shall not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars, and
all charges for offenses arising within said county, and which
are not punishable by commitment to the state prison; and the
judge of said county court shall have power to sentence and
commit all persons convicted of any offense of which said court
has jurisdiction. Said court shall have power and jurisdic-

tion throughout said county to cause to come before it persons who are charged with any criminal offense, and commit them to jail or bind them over to circuit court as the case may require. The judge of said court shall further have all the jurisdiction, authority, powers and rights given by law to justices of the peace, and shall be subject to the same prohibitions and penalties as justices of the peace. The said court shall also have exclusive jurisdiction of all offenses and actions arising under the charter of the city of Stevens Point, and the ordinances, rules and by-laws of said city. And all of the provisions of the charter of the city of Stevens Point relating to the practice and procedure in actions arising under the said charter, ordinances, rules and by-laws of said city, are hereby made applicable to the said county court and judge thereof in the trial of all said actions; and for these purposes, the city of Stevens Point and the county of Portage are hereby made and declared to be a municipality. Provided that upon presentation to the mayor of the said city of Stevens Point of an affidavit made by the city attorney or by the chief of police or any policeman of the said city, setting forth that the judge of the said county, by reason of sickness, absence or temporary disability is unable to act, the said mayor shall by an endorsement in writing on said affidavit, designate and appoint one of the justices of the peace of the said city to hear, try and determine all actions arising under the charter and ordinances of said city. Upon the filing of such affidavit with him, the said justice so designated shall have jurisdiction to hear, try and determine all such actions during such sickness, absence or disability of said judge of said county court. Such justice shall make his report, and pay over all fines collected by him, in the manner provided by the charter and ordinances of the said city of Stevens Point.

SECTION 2. All acts and parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

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

Approved March 31, 1903.