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CHAPTER 141.

AN ACT to amend section 604a of the statutes of 1898 as amended by chapter 73, laws of 1899, relating to the election, terms, etc., of trustees of county asylums.

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

Election, terms, etc., of trustees. SECTION 1. Section 604a of the statutes of 1898 as amended by chapter 73, laws of 1899, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 604a. Each county asylum shall be governed by a board of three trustees, to be elected by the county board at its annual *or any special* meeting. At the first election the trustees shall be elected for the terms of one, two and three years respectively, and thereafter one trustee shall be elected each year for a term of three years, beginning on the first Monday in January following his election and continuing until his successor is elected and qualified, *provided that when such trustees are elected at a special meeting of the county board, the term of office for which they are elected shall begin at once and continue until the first Monday in January succeeding their election.* Vacancies occurring from any cause *after the organization of the board of trustees* shall be filled by appointment by the chairman of the county board until the next annual meeting of such board and until the election and qualification of the successor of the appointee; and the county board at such meeting shall elect a trustee for the remainder of the term and until his successor is elected and qualified. Each such trustee shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation to support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of Wisconsin and faithfully to discharge his duties to the best of his ability, which oath or affirmation shall be filed in the office of the county clerk. Such trustees shall receive the same compensation for their services as is allowed members of the county board; provided, that no member of any county board shall be eligible to election or appointment as such trustee nor shall he serve in that capacity; and provided further that in any county which maintains both a poor-house and a county asylum for the chronic insane the

trustees of the latter shall be ex-officio superintendents of the poor unless the county board shall, at an annual meeting, order otherwise; but the county board of any such county may appoint a superintendent or superintendents of the poor solely to have charge of such poor persons as need relief outside the poor-house. The treasurer of the county shall be the treasurer of said asylum upon such conditions as the county board may prescribe; and said board of trustees shall report to the county board as often as the latter may require and also annually to the state board of control a full and detailed statement of all receipts and expenditures on account thereof and all other facts concerning the management and administration of said asylum.

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

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CHAPTER 142.

AN ACT to legalize acknowledgments and the recording of conveyances to or from corporations which are invalid by reason of having been acknowledged before an officer or stockholder of such corporation.

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

Defective acknowledgments and recording legalized. SECTION 1. Every instrument in writing, made prior to the taking effect of this act, purporting to convey real estate to or by any corporation and which shall have been signed, witnessed and sealed according to the laws of this state in force at the time of the making of such instrument, the acknowledgement to which shall be defective or invalid by reason of having been taken before an officer or stockholder of such bank or corporation, is hereby declared, so far as the same is defective or invalid by reason thereof, to be and to have been a full and perfect conveyance and acknowledgment of the real estate therein