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CHAPTER 368.

AN ACT to amend section 762 of the statutes, providing for a system of tract indices in counties having a population of one hundred fifty thousand or more.

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

SECTION 1. Section 762 of the statutes is amended to read:

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(In effect July 1, 1907.)

No. 780, A.]

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CHAPTER 369.

AN ACT to amend section 4096 of the statutes, concerning examinations of parties before trial.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4096 of the statutes is amended to read:

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Approved June 24, 1907.

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Powers and duties. 2. Such assistants shall have the powers and perform the duties of the district attorney, except the signing of indictments and informations.

Salaries fixed by supervisors. 3. The board of supervisors may at any meeting held within 30 days after this act goes into effect and thereafter at its annual meeting next preceding the general election of county officers, fix the salaries to be paid to such assistants at not more than four thousand dollars nor less than two thousand dollars per annum, and when so fixed such salaries shall be the salaries of such assistants during the term of the district attorney making such appointments, and be payable from the treasury of such county at the same time that the salaries of other county officers are paid.

Salaries fixed by district attorney, when. 4. In case of the failure on the part of the board of supervisors to fix the salaries of such assistants within or at the time and within the limits herein specified the district attorney of any such county may prescribe the salary of such assistants within the limits named, and the salaries so prescribed shall be the salaries of such assistants during the term of such district attorney.

Notice of appointment. 5. The district attorney making such appointments shall notify the board of supervisors of his county of the making thereof, and such appointees shall thereupon enter upon the discharge of their duties.

(Ch. 351, 1907.)

751a of statutes inoperative, * * * The provisions of section 751a of the statutes, in so far as the same shall relate to assistant district attorneys, shall become inoperative in any such county.

(Sec. 2, Ch. 351, 1907.)

Register's of deeds duties: grand army records. [*Section 758.*] 11. To file and safely keep in his office all records, documents and papers of any post of the Grand Army of the Republic and of any historical society in his county.

(Ch. 650, 1907.)

Tract index system; power to alter and complete.
SECTION 762. 1. The register shall also keep a tract index in

suitable books, so ruled and arranged that opposite to the description to each quarter section, sectional lot, town, city or village lot or other subdivision of land in the county, which a convenient arrangement may require to be noted, there shall be a blank space of at least forty square inches in which he shall enter in ink the letter or numeral indicating each volume, and the class of records of such volume designating mortgages by the letter M, deeds by the letter D, and miscellaneous by the abbreviation Mis., and the register of attachments, sales and notices by the letter R, together with the page of said volume upon which any deed, mortgage or other instrument affecting the title to or mentioning such tract or any part thereof shall heretofore have been or may hereafter be recorded or entered; provided, that no such index shall be kept in any county where none now exists until ordered by the county board to be made; but no such index, when once made in any county, shall ever thereafter be discontinued, unless such county has or shall adopt, keep and maintain a complete abstract of title to the real estate therein as a part of the records of the office of the register of deeds thereof.

2. In any county which has a city of the first class, the county board of supervisors may, by resolution, adopt a more complete system of tract indices than *that* above specified, or a system of chain of title indices, provided such system be clearly specified in such resolution; *and may thereafter at any time before the completion of such system alter or change such system or add to the same by resolution clearly specifying such alterations, changes or additions.* In the event of such adoption, said board of supervisors may contract, with any suitable person, to compile and complete such system of indices, *and may make supplemental contracts for the compilation and completion of such alterations, changes and additions,* and may levy such taxes as may be required to cover the cost of so doing; said register of deeds shall not be required to compile, install or complete such system of indices *or such alterations, changes or additions,* but shall after the same be so completed under such contract, *or contracts of * * * such* board of supervisors, thereafter maintain and keep up the same; and, thereafter shall discontinue all other tract indices theretofore in use or maintained.

3. In the event of the adoption of any such system of tract indices, or of any such system of chain of title indices, by such county board of supervisors, by such resolution, if such resolution shall provide that any such index shall include an ab-

abstract or notation of any proceeding or proceedings pending, or of any instruments or documents filed or entered in the office of the clerk of any court of such county or of the county court or of the register of probate, or of any sales for taxes made by any officer of said county, or of any city in said county, and shall call for a daily report to be made to the register of deeds of said county by any officer in charge of any such office of any such proceedings, instruments or documents or tax sales, each such office so called upon by said resolution to make such daily report, shall, upon the close of business on each day report, in writing, under his hand, to said register of deeds, any and all proceedings, instruments and documents, and tax sales, so called for by such resolution, and said register shall, when required to maintain and keep up such system of indices, note all such proceedings, instruments and documents, and tax sales upon such indices, in accordance with such resolution.

(Ch. 368, 1907.)

Counties of 250,000: changes in streets, alleys, channels, parks, highways; book of records for. SECTION 763a. In counties having a population of two hundred and fifty thousand or more according to the last state or United States census, and when the county board has prepared and compiled in book form an eminent domain record containing an abstract of facts relating to the laying out, widening, extending or vacating any street, alley, water channel, park, highway or other public place by any court, legislature, county board, common council, village board or town board and shall make an order that such records with an index thereto be thereafter maintained and kept up, and provide a suitable book for that purpose, the register of deeds shall thereafter maintain and keep such book in which shall be entered an abstract of all proceedings relating to the laying out, widening, extending or vacating any street, alley, water channel, park, highway or other public place by any court, county board, common council, village board or town board. Such abstract shall substantially contain the facts as to the filing of a notice of lis pendens, the date of filing, the description, the court in which or the body before whom the proceeding is pending, the result of the proceedings, the action taken and the date thereof and briefly all the essential facts of any such proceeding, and such records shall have a practical index, with reference to the number and page of the volume where such abstracts are entered respectively. The abstracts and records to be kept by the register