

law, and safely keep the remainder until required for further distribution.

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

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## CHAPTER 157.

AN ACT to amend section 764a of the statutes, relating to the compensation and salaries of the register of deeds, his deputy and clerks, their duties in respect to the collection of fees and accounting therefor, and the number of such clerks and assistants to be appointed, in counties having a population of two hundred and fifty thousand or more.

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

SECTION 1. Section 764a of the statutes is amended to read:  
Section 764a. \* \* \*

1. *In any county having a population of two hundred and fifty thousand or more according to the last state or United States census, the register of deeds shall receive in lieu of all fees, a salary to be fixed by the board of supervisors of such county. He shall appoint a deputy register of deeds and such other clerks, copyists and assistants as said county board shall authorize and prescribe, who shall be compensated by salaries to be fixed by said county board. Said county board may at any annual or adjourned meeting thereof prescribe the number of said clerks, copyists and assistants that may be so appointed and may at any legal meeting thereof and from time to time as the work in the office of such register of deeds may require, increase or decrease the number of such clerks, copyists and assistants that may be so appointed and employed or authorize the appointment and employment, temporarily or continuously, of additional clerks, and may at any such meeting fix the amounts of their salaries. All such salaries shall be paid by the county treasurer monthly in the same manner as other county officers are paid. And the salaries of the register of deeds, his deputy, clerks, copyists and assistants so paid, shall be in lieu of all fees, per diem and compensation for services rendered by them.*

2. Every such register of deeds shall receive and collect the following fees, to-wit:

(1) For entering and recording any deed or other instrument, seven and one-half cents for each folio, and three cents for every

necessary entry thereof in the tract index \* \* \*, but not less than thirty-seven and one-half cents for any deed nor sixty cents for any mortgage.

(2) For recording any instrument written in any other than the English language, fifteen cents for each folio.

(3) For filing and entering any writ of attachment or copy thereof, with the certificate of an officer, or any certificate of sale, or notice of the pendency of any action containing not more than twenty defendants, twenty cents, and the same \* \* \* for every twenty additional defendants *or additional defendants not exceeding twenty*, in any such writ, certificate or notice.

(4) For copies of any records or papers, five cents for each folio and twenty cents for his certificate.

(5) For entry of a discharge of a mortgage in the margin of a record, ten cents.

(6) For filing every other paper and making entry thereof when necessary, ten cents.

(7) For a certified copy of a full record of any marriage, birth or death, forty cents.

(8) For examining proofs of marriage, birth or death when presented in the form of affidavits, twenty cents.

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(9) For recording plats containing from one to twenty lots, ten dollars, and for plats containing from twenty to fifty lots, thirteen dollars, and for each additional lot, seven cents.

(10) *And fees for such other services as may be provided by law.*

3. *He shall keep accurate books of accounts in which shall be entered from day to day in a journal the items of service and the fees therefor, and the names of the particular transactions in which and persons for whom such services are rendered, and shall carry the item of charges into a ledger account with proper references to such journal entries; and he shall quarterly pay to the county treasurer of such county all the fees, emoluments and income of every kind and nature received by him as such register, or his deputy or clerks for him, or which he or they were entitled to receive, and shall at the end of each quarter of the year file with the county clerk, to be laid before the county board, an accurate statement and report verified by his oath, of all such fees, emoluments and income collected by him or for him during such quarter of the year, which he or they were entitled to receive, and all the expenses of his office during such time. The register of deeds of any such county and the sureties on his official bonds shall be responsible for the faithful performance by his deputy, clerks and other assistants of all his*

*duties and liable for all their acts or defaults, and his official bonds shall so provide.*

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

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## CHAPTER 158.

AN ACT to create section 1955b—5 of the statutes, relating to the amendment of articles of mutual benefit societies.

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

**SECTION 1.** There is added to the statutes a new section to read: Section 1955b—5. The articles of organization of any fraternal or beneficiary corporation, society, order, or association may be amended as prescribed herein, whether organized under this chapter or chapter 86 of the statutes. In case of any corporation having subordinate lodges or other denominated divisions, after the proposed amendment has been filed with the department or departments where the original articles are filed and a copy thereof with notice of the manner and the time and place of voting has been mailed to each member at least thirty days prior thereto, the vote on such amendment may be taken at the usual meeting place of such lodges or other denominated divisions and the results returned and canvassed in such uniform manner as the board of directors or other governing officers with like powers may prescribe in such notice. The time and place of voting may be specified by referring generally to a stated meeting of such subordinate lodge or other denominated division in such manner as to fully inform the members.

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

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