

than under the laws of this state, having acquired, or attempted to acquire, legal title by deed, or lease to any real property in this state, before complying with the terms of section 1770b of the statutes, or acts amendatory thereof, and which has thereafter, and before the passage of this act, complied with said section, shall be and is hereby relieved from any disability provided in said statute or prohibition therein contained, so far as said section relates to the acquisition and holding of the property so acquired, or attempted to be acquired.

2. Any person claiming that the legal title of any corporation or of any person claiming by, through, or under such corporation, to any real property acquired, or attempted to be acquired, is invalid by reason of the failure of any corporation coming within the terms of subsection 1 of this act, to comply with section 1770b of the statutes, or acts amendatory thereof, shall commence action to recover the property, or to declare the legal title of said corporation void, or interpose a defense on such grounds, within one year from the passage and publication of this act, and in case of failure to do so his right of action or defense, based upon the failure to comply with said section by any such corporation, shall be deemed to have expired; provided that this act shall not affect any action now pending.

(Am. 1911, c. 664, s. 12.)

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

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CHAPTER 143.

AN ACT to create section 4570m of the statutes, to prevent the unreasonable wasting or the malicious injury, destruction, or impairment of any natural resource.

WHEREAS, The unreasonable wasting or the malicious injury, destruction, or impairment of any natural resource is inimical and detrimental to the general public welfare, therefore

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 4570m. 1. It is hereby made unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation, unreasonably to waste or maliciously to injure, destroy, or impair any natural resource within this state.

2. It is the purpose of this act to promote and secure the conservation of the natural resources within the state in the interests of the public welfare.

3. Any person, firm, or corporation violating the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars, and for a second offense may be punished by a fine of not more than two hundred dollars.

(Am. 1911, c. 664, s. 13.)

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

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CHAPTER 144.

AN ACT to amend section 2588 of the statutes, providing that no person shall be counsel in a case previously determined before him as a judge.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2588 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 2588. No person shall be employed or allowed to appear as counsel or attorney before any court in any action which shall have been previously determined before * * * him as a judge, * * * justice, or examining magistrate.

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

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CHAPTER 145.

AN ACT to amend section 1 of chapter 547, laws of 1909, authorizing the chairmen of the judiciary and finance committees of each house to purchase certain copyrights and rights to annotations to the statutes.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 547, laws of 1909, is amended to read: Section 1. * * * *The chairmen of the judiciary and finance committees of each house, and the speaker of the assembly are authorized to purchase, as in their discretion may appear to be to the best interests of the state, all rights of publication of the statutes of this state * * *, existing at the time of the purchase, indexes thereto, arrangement thereof, and * * * all annotations * * * to such statutes and all existing copyrights to or other rights for the publication * * **