

shall sell or offer to sell or have in his possession for the purpose of selling, any device or machine to be used or calculated to falsify any weight or measure, or any person who wilfully with intent to cheat or defraud the buyer or seller of electric current, gas, water or steam shall make or cause to be made or aid in the making of any electrical conductor, gas pipe, water pipe, steam pipe or other instrument or contrivance or any connection, so as to conduct or supply or intended to conduct or supply electric current, gas, water or steam to any lamp or motor or machine or burner or office or appliance from which such electricity, gas, water or steam may be consumed or utilized without passing through or being registered by a meter, or any person who shall wilfully use a false meter for the measurement of electric current, gas, water or steam in the buying or selling of the same, or who shall wilfully obstruct or interfere with the working of any meter used for such purposes, so as to cause or be intended to cause a false registration of the amount of electric current, water, gas or steam consumed with the intent to cheat or defraud the seller or buyer of such electric current, gas, water or steam, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not more than one year or by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars; but in case the amount of damages occasioned by such cheat or fraud shall not exceed twenty dollars he shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not more than three months or by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, and in computing the amount of damages occasioned, the value of such electric current, water, gas or steam shall be the regular current price therefor, charged to the consumer by the seller thereof.

SECTION 2. All acts and parts of acts conflicting with any provisions of this act are repealed in so far as they are inconsistent therewith.

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

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## CHAPTER 400.

AN ACT to amend section 764b of the statutes, relating to the compensation of register of deeds, and changing the same from fee to salary system.

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

SECTION 1. Section 764b of the statutes is amended to read:  
Section 764b. 1. The county board of any county in this state,

may, at their annual or any special meeting preceding the election of county officers, by resolution, change the method of compensating the register of deeds, his deputies, clerks and copyists, from fees, now provided by law, to salaries, and may at the same time fix the amounts of the salaries to be paid the register of deeds, to be elected during the ensuing year, his deputies, clerks and copyists, and the number thereof to be appointed by the register of deeds, and paid by the county.

2. \* \* \* *Whenever any county board shall fix the amount of the salaries of the register of deeds, his deputies, clerks and copyists and the number thereof in accordance with this section, the amount and number thus fixed shall be and remain the salaries of the register of deeds, his deputies, clerks and copyists and the number thereof, until the same are changed by the county board under this section.*

3. Such salaries shall be paid at the end of each month, and the register of deeds shall keep accurate books of account in which shall be entered from day to day in a journal, the items of service and the fees therefor and the name of the particular proceeding, transaction or action in which the same is rendered, and shall carry the items of charges into a ledger account, with proper reference to such journal entries, and he shall pay to the county treasurer all fees, per diem and other emoluments of whatever kind received by him, and shall at the end of each quarter of the year file with the county clerk, to be laid before the county board, a sworn statement of all such fees, per diem and emoluments collected by him or for him during the quarter of the year, and all the expenses of his office during such time. And the salaries of the register of deeds, his deputies, clerks and copyists so paid, shall be in lieu of all fees, per diem and compensation for services rendered by them.

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

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## CHAPTER 401.

AN ACT to amend section 2424 of the statutes, relating to the terms of court for the Nineteenth judicial circuit.

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

SECTION 1. That paragraph of section 2424 of the statutes prescribing the terms of court for the Nineteenth judicial circuit is amended to read: Nineteenth circuit. In the county of