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**CHAPTER 152.**

AN ACT to amend subsection 2 of section 1931 of the statutes, relating to maximum amount to be carried on any single risk by town insurance companies.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection 2 of section 1931 of the statutes is amended to read: (Section 1931) 2. No such corporation shall insure any property other than detached dwellings and their contents, farm buildings and their contents, live stock in possession, use or running at large, farm products on premises and farming tools, implements and machinery; providing that it may, when its directors shall be so authorized at any annual meeting, insure property in any of the following classes, in an amount not exceeding \* \* \* five thousand dollars on any single risk, to wit: (1) country stores, (2) schoolhouses, (3) town and society halls, (4) churches, (5) country hotels, (6) water mills, (7) blacksmith shops, (8) cheese factories, (9) creameries, and the contents of any such buildings.

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

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**CHAPTER 153.**

AN ACT to amend section 2849 of the statutes, relating to the qualifications of jurors.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2849 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 2849. The court shall, on request of either party, examine on oath any person who is called as a juror therein to know whether he is related to either party, or has any interest in the cause, or has expressed or formed any opinion, or is sensible of any bias or prejudice therein, and the party objecting to the juror may introduce any other competent evidence in support of the objection, and if it shall appear to the court that the juror does not stand indifferent in the cause another shall be called and placed in his stead for trial of that cause; provided, that nothing contained in this section shall be construed as abridging in any manner the right of either party in person or through his attorneys to examine any person so called in

regard to his qualifications as fully as if this section did not exist. *Every person summoned as a juror for any term shall be paid and discharged whenever it appears that he is a party to any action triable by jury at such term.*

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 154.

AN ACT to create section 1970o, of the statutes, relating to the protection of policyholders in insurance companies.

*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 1970o. Whenever the commissioner of insurance shall be satisfied that any insurance company theretofore licensed to transact business in this state, whose license has expired or has been revoked, does or omits to do any act whereby the rights of policyholders of such company, who are citizens of this state or who hold contracts issued or delivered in this state, are adversely affected, or whereby its ability to carry out its contracts with such policyholders is adversely affected, or refuses or neglects to make the settlements with or payments to such policyholders, or any class of such policyholders fairly required under its contracts, or in any other respect fails to carry out the agreements in its contracts with all or any class of such policyholders, he may, with the written consent of the governor and attorney-general, made after such company shall have had notice of and an opportunity for a full hearing before the governor, attorney-general and commissioner of insurance, bring an action in the name of the state of Wisconsin for and in behalf of all policyholders so situated for the purpose of enforcing the rights of all such policyholders. The attorney-general shall act as attorney for the state in every such action, and the action shall be prosecuted and the expenses borne as in other civil actions in behalf of the state. The company shall be required forthwith to file with the commissioner of insurance a list giving the names and addresses of all policyholders who are citizens of this state or who hold contracts issued or delivered in this state, and who are affected by such action. A notice of the bringing of such action shall be forwarded by mail by the commissioner of insurance to every such policyholder, or in like manner by the company to every such policyholder, when the commissioner