

the same is duly transcribed and filed and shall be paid by Vernon county, the sum of two dollars per day for each day actually employed in the taking of said testimony and nothing per day for time employed in transcribing the same. Such provision for compensation of the reporter shall continue until changed by the county board of supervisors of Vernon county. Said county board shall have authority to change said method of compensation of the stenographer in any manner it deems best and fix the compensation at such sum as it shall deem reasonable.

10. The clerk of the circuit court for said county shall act as ex officio clerk of the county court in the discharge by said court of the jurisdiction hereby conferred whenever requested so to do by the county judge and the register in probate may act as deputy clerk and either of said officials may certify to copies of records and proceedings of said court as fully as the county judge might do, and affix the seal of said county court to said certificate, and such document, when so certified and sealed and attested shall be received in evidence in all courts of this state on production of said certificate.

11. Whenever an affidavit of prejudice shall be filed, showing that the said county judge will not decide impartially in the matter, providing the affidavit is filed in like form, time and manner now provided for filing affidavits of prejudice before justices of the peace, the court, instead of transmitting the papers to the next nearest magistrate, shall make an order calling in the county judge of an adjoining county, or any court commissioner of Vernon county, and said official so called in being not related to the parties or otherwise disqualified, shall hear, try and determine the matter in the same manner and with like effect as the county judge might do and receive the compensation provided by subsection 8 hereof, to be paid by the county.

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

Approved June 8, 1917.

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## CHAPTER 386

AN ACT to amend subsection 1 of section 1797m—1 of the statutes, relating to public utilities.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection 1 of section 1797m—1 of the statutes

is amended to read: (Section 1797m—1) 1. The term "public utility" as used in sections 1797m—1 to 1797m—109, inclusive, shall mean and embrace every corporation, company, individual, association of individuals, their lessees, trustees, or receivers appointed by any court whatsoever, and every town, village, or city that now or hereafter may own, operate, manage, or control any plant or equipment or any part of a plant or equipment within the state, for the conveyance of telephone messages or for the production, transmission, delivery, or furnishing of heat, light, water, or power either directly or indirectly to or for the public, or that now or hereafter may own, operate, manage, or control any toll bridge wholly within the state. *Provided, however, that in any municipality wherein a public utility is operated by said municipality and there is no other operating utility furnishing the same service, the railroad commission may, after a public hearing and determination that said municipally owned utility can not be operated profitably, authorize the making of a contract with any person, firm or corporation not a public utility, providing for the furnishing of light, power or electric current upon such terms and conditions as shall be approved by said railroad commission, without the vendor thereof becoming a public utility under this act.*

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

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## CHAPTER 387

AN ACT to repeal subsections 3, 6 and 12 of section 1915m of the statutes, and to amend subsections 2 and 10 of section 1915m, and to create subsections 3, 6, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of section 1915m, relating to reciprocal or interinsurance contracts and exchanges.

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

SECTION 1. Subsections 3, 6 and 12 of section 1915m of the statutes are repealed.

SECTION 2. There is added to section 1915m of the statutes six new subsections to read: (Section 1915m) 3. Such subscribers so contracting among themselves shall, through their attorney, file with the commissioner of insurance a declaration verified by the oath of such attorney, or where such attorney is