

proper town, city or village of the amount of the expense so incurred, and such treasurer shall deduct such amount from the compensation of such delinquent clerk or assessor.

SECTION 5. Section 1019 of the statutes is amended to read:

Section 1019. Every clerk of any town, city, village or school district and every assessor who shall fail or neglect to perform any duty required of him by any of the provisions of this chapter shall, for every such neglect or failure, forfeit not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars, and it shall be the duty of the county clerk to cause every such forfeiture to be prosecuted for. Every county clerk and register of deeds who shall fail or neglect to perform any duty required of him by this chapter shall, for every such neglect or failure, forfeit not less than twenty-five nor more than one hundred dollars; and it shall be the duty of the * * * *department with which such returns are required to be filed* to cause every such forfeiture to be prosecuted for.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 516

AN ACT to amend sections 1, 3 and 7 of Chapter 234, Laws of 1907, conferring civil and criminal jurisdiction on the county court of Walworth county, and legalizing special proceedings heretofore had in said court.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 1, 3 and 7 of chapter 234, Laws of 1907, are amended to read: Section 1. There is hereby conferred on the county court of Walworth county, jurisdiction * * * of the following actions, matters and proceedings to wit:

1. *The said county court shall have and exercise jurisdiction concurrent with and equal with the jurisdiction of the circuit court in said county in all civil actions, suits and proceedings, either at law or in equity, of every kind and nature, and in all special proceedings of every kind and nature, except in actions at law on contract where the debt, or balance due, or damages claimed in the complaint exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars.*

2. *The said county court shall also have and exercise jurisdiction in all bastardy actions and in all criminal cases except murder, manslaughter and homicide: * * * Subject to the exceptions aforesaid the said county court shall be a court of*

general jurisdiction, with the same power and jurisdiction
 • • • *to issue writs and processes, of every nature and kind, and to hear, try and determine all civil and criminal suits, actions and proceedings, • • • of every nature and kind, as have been heretofore, are now, or may hereafter be conferred by the constitution or statutes of this state upon the circuit courts, • • • of the state.*

Section 3. 1. Appeals from judgments of *police justices, municipal judges and justices of the peace in said county, in all civil actions, may hereafter be taken either to the circuit court or county court of said county at the option of the appellant, and if taken to said county court such appeal shall be tried and determined therein in the same manner as is by law required in the circuit court, and in accordance with the rules and practice of the county court of Walworth county in force at the time of said trial, and all laws providing for taking appeals in civil actions from justices of the peace or justices' courts of said county, or from police courts or municipal courts of said county, shall hereafter be construed to apply equally to such appeals when taken to said county court.*

2. *All appeals from judgments of justices of the peace, police justices and municipal judges in criminal actions in said county shall hereafter be taken to said county court instead of to the circuit court, and all laws providing for taking appeals in criminal actions to the circuit courts of the state from such courts or magistrates, shall hereafter be construed to apply equally to such appeals when taken to said county court.*

Section 7. 1. The county judge shall have all the jurisdiction and powers that are now or hereafter may be conferred upon justices of the peace in said county in all civil and criminal actions and proceedings and the power to hear and determine all such cases although the title to land may come into question therein, • • •

2. All provisions of law which may at any time be in force relative to justices' courts, to actions and proceedings and judgments therein, and appeals therefrom, in civil and criminal cases, shall apply to said county court, so far as applicable, except as otherwise provided in this section.

3. The phonographic reporter, *when directed by the court or presiding judge thereof, shall report the proceedings of trials as in other cases, and no charge shall be made against the parties therefor, unless a transcript is furnished under the provisions of section 23 of this act.*

4. The clerk of said court shall keep a justice docket, shall

have the care and custody of all books, papers and records therein, shall be present at all trials, shall administer oaths, shall issue process as in other cases, shall tax the costs, and perform all other clerical and ministerial duties required of and imposed upon justices of the peace in such cases, and perform all such duties by and under the direction of the judge of said court. For all services so performed he shall receive the same compensation a justice of the peace would receive, except he shall receive nothing for taking testimony and his fees shall in no case exceed five dollars.

5. All fines and all costs collected by the clerk in every civil action and in all criminal prosecutions and proceedings under the general statutes of this state tried or determined by the county court, which, if tried or determined by a justice of the peace, would be paid over to the said county treasurer, shall be accounted for and paid over quarterly by the clerk of said county court unto the county treasurer of the county of Walworth.

6. Costs and fees shall be taxed and allowed in the same amount as would be allowed in justice court, except clerk's fees shall be taxed at a sum not to exceed five dollars, and the taking down of evidence shall not be charged for or taxed.

7. The fees of the witnesses, jurors and officers shall be the same as would be allowed in justice court for similar services except when otherwise provided.

8. The judge of said court shall be disqualified to hear or determine any case in which he shall have acted as counsel for either party, except by agreement of the parties.

9. In case of the disqualification of said judge to hear, try or determine any case, or in case of his disability, sickness or temporary absence, or in case of a change of venue from him in any case he shall by an order in writing filed and recorded in said court, appoint a properly qualified justice of the peace, not otherwise disqualified, to discharge the duties of such judge relative to such action or proceeding, or during such disability, sickness or temporary absence. The justice of the peace so appointed shall in every case have all the powers of such judge over the actions and proceedings that may come before him. He shall receive for his services the sum of five dollars per day to be paid out of the county treasury, * * *

10. When acting under the provisions of this section said court shall not be a court of record and no state tax shall be collected on cases commenced in said court by virtue of this section; *but said court shall have all the powers conferred by section 4734j and amendements that may be made thereto au-*

thorizing the suspension of judgments, the stay of executions and placing defendants on probation.

11. The provisions of this section shall apply only to actions and proceedings within the jurisdiction of justices of the peace and to no other actions or proceedings whatsoever. And no other sections of this act shall have any application whatsoever to actions or proceedings within the jurisdiction of justices of the peace.

SECTION 2. All special proceedings heretofore had before said county court are hereby made valid and legal for all purposes; provided that this section shall not affect any action now pending, brought to determine the validity of any special proceeding.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 517

AN ACT to create a new paragraph of subsection (17) of section 20.17 of the statutes, relating to the industrial home for women, and making appropriations.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to subsection (17) of section 20.17 of the statutes, a new paragraph to read:

(20.17) (17) (c) On July 1, 1917, fifty-seven thousand five hundred seventy dollars, in sums allotted as follows:

To complete buildings under construction, thirty-three thousand nine hundred twenty dollars,

For sewage and drains, three thousand six hundred dollars,

For tiling and fencing, two thousand five hundred dollars,

For boilers, piping, tunnel, lighting, etc., thirteen thousand five hundred fifty dollars,

For spur track, four thousand dollars;

On March 1, 1918, ten thousand dollars, for furniture, furnishings and equipment; and on July 1, 1918, four thousand dollars, for tiling and fencing.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon July 1, 1917.

Approved June 28, 1917.