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

Approved April 13, 1917.

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CHAPTER 90

AN ACT to amend section 990—16 of the statutes, relating to preference of veterans in civil service.

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

SECTION 1. Section 990—16 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 990—16. Notice shall be given in writing by the appointing officer to the civil service commission of the existence of any vacancy or vacancies in any office or employment in the competitive class under the provisions of sections 990—1 to 990—32, inclusive, and within ten days after the receipt of such notice the commission shall certify from the register of eligibles appropriate for the group in which the position to be filled is classified, the three named at the head thereof, which have not been certified three times to the department or office in which the vacancy exists. Whenever eligibles are certified, they must always be those candidates who have been graded highest in an examination held in pursuance of sections 990—1 to 990—32, inclusive, and the rules made in accordance therewith, except that where practicable, other conditions being equal, the rules shall provide for a preference in favor of veterans of * * * any of the past wars of the United States. Preference is hereby defined to mean that whenever a question arises as to the certification of two persons of equal qualification as determined by civil service examination and one of these persons is a war vet-

eran, he shall be certified. In every case after a name has been certified three times, it may be dropped from the list by the commission, but certificates for temporary appointment shall not be counted as one of such certificates. It shall be the duty of the appointing officer to appoint on probation, with sole reference to merit and fitness, one of the said candidates whose name shall have been certified in the manner above set forth, to fill such vacancy then existing in the office or employment aforesaid; unless objection shall be made and sustained by the commission to one or more of the persons certified for any of the reasons stated in section * * * 990—11; provided, however, that the provisions of this section may be altered by the commission when the office of employment comes within those whereby section * * * 990—17 competitive examinations are not required. The commission shall make rules for the procedure in such cases.

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

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CHAPTER 91

AN ACT to confer civil and criminal jurisdiction on the county court for Richland county.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby conferred on the county court of Richland county, jurisdiction in all civil actions and proceedings in law and equity, concurrent with and equal with the jurisdiction of the circuit court in said county, for all claims, demands and sums and to and concerning all property, not exceeding the sum or value of twenty-five thousand dollars; provided, that said county court shall have jurisdiction in all actions in said county for the foreclosure of mortgages and mechanics' liens, in which the amount claimed does not exceed the sum above mentioned, although the property to be affected by the judgment exceeds the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars in value; and of all actions for divorce or for affirmance or annulment of marriage contracts; and all actions for removing clouds and quieting title to real estate and all actions for partition of real estate; and in all bastardy actions and in all criminal cases except murder, manslaughter and homicide; and to the amount and within the limits aforesaid the said county court shall be a court of general jurisdiction, with the same power