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CHAPTER 131.

AN ACT to amend section 6 of chapter 228 of the laws of 1895, as amended, relating to the municipal court of Vilas county.

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

SECTION 1. Section 6 of chapter 228, laws of 1895, as amended, is amended to read: (Chapter 228, laws of 1895, as amended) Section 6. (a) The municipal judge of the county of Vilas shall have cognizance of, and jurisdiction to hear, try and determine, all actions and proceedings at law, wherein the amount of debt, damages, demand, penalty or forfeiture, shall not exceed the sum of one thousand dollars; actions to recover the possession of personal property, with damages for the unlawful taking or detention thereof, wherein the value of the property claimed shall not exceed the sum of one thousand dollars, exclusive of damages; *actions founded on an account where the same shall be reduced to an amount not exceeding one thousand dollars.* The said judge shall have * * * and exercise in said county * * * *the criminal jurisdiction of the justices of the peace * * * and in addition thereto shall have jurisdiction of all offenses within said county which are not punishable by imprisonment in the state prison. * * ** Said judge shall further have all jurisdiction, authority, powers and rights, given by law to justices of the peace, together with the power and right in his discretion to charge the jury in all cases tried before him and he shall be subject to the same prohibitions and penalties as justices of the peace.

(b) The proceedings and practice of said court shall in all respects be governed, as far as practicable, by the laws relating to justices' courts of this state, and transcripts of the judgments of the municipal court, may be filed and docketed with the clerk of the circuit court for said county, with the same effect as may be transcripts of judgments rendered by justices of the peace of said county, and appeals from said court in all cases, both criminal and civil cases, and other proceedings may be taken in the same manner and with like effect as are provided by law from justices' courts.

(c) The municipal judge may provide a seal for said court and all papers, depositions, certificates, acknowledgments, examina-

tions and other documents executed or signed by said judge, when sealed with the seal of the court shall be evidenced in all courts and places in this state, and shall have the same effect as the seal of a court of record.

(d) Nothing herein contained shall be construed to give said municipal judge cognizance of any actions mentioned in * * * subsections (1), (2) and (3) of section * * * 300.06 of the * * * statutes.

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

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CHAPTER 132.

AN ACT to create subsection (12) of section 14.53 of the statutes, relating to the defense of certain state employes in tort actions arising out of the discharge of their duties, by the attorney-general.

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

SECTION 1. A new subsection is added to section 14.53 of the statutes to read: (14.53) (12) The attorney-general shall, at the request of the head of any department of state government approved by the governor, appear for and defend, in any court of the state where an action may have been brought, or may be tried, any agent, inspector or employe of such department charged with the enforcement of law or prosecution for violation of law, in any action for slander or other torts against him, based upon any act done or incurred in, or arising out of the lawful discharge of the duties of such agent, inspector or employe. Witness fees incurred in the defense of any case under this section shall be paid as provided for in section 325.07.

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

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