

shall be made to said county court in the manner prescribed by law; and such court shall exercise power and jurisdiction, in all civil actions and proceedings in law and equity, including the power of review of records on certiorari, discharging mortgages of record, and the exercise of any other special powers, concurrent with and equal to the jurisdiction of the circuit court of said county, when the value or amount in controversy, or the amount of money claimed or sought to be recovered, after deducting all payments and set-offs, shall not exceed \* \* \* five hundred thousand dollars; but said court shall have jurisdiction of all actions in said county for the foreclosure of mortgages, in which the amount claimed does not exceed the sum above specified, although the property to be affected by the judgment exceeds the amount in value. *Said court shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit court in all condemnation proceedings* and of all actions for divorce, or for affirmance or annulment of marriage contracts. Said county court shall have jurisdiction of all actions prosecuted therein, until it shall appear affirmatively in the progress of the action, that the amount claimed by the plaintiff after the deduction aforesaid, exceeds the amount to which jurisdiction of said court is limited, in which case the action shall be dismissed.

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

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## CHAPTER 233.

AN ACT to create paragraph (1d) of subsection (1) of section 20.17 and section 292.45 of the statutes, relating to testifying of prisoners in courts of law, and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. A new paragraph is added to subsection (1) of section 20.17 and a new section is added to the statutes to read: (20.17) (1) (1d) All moneys received in reimbursement of expenses incurred in taking inmates of state institutions into court pursuant to section 292.45 shall be paid within one week after

receipt into the general fund and are appropriated therefrom to the institution incurring such expense and are added to the appropriation for operation of such institution.

292.45 In the event that an inmate of any state institution is brought into court in response to a writ of habeas corpus, ad testificandum, or subpoena, the institution from which the prisoner or inmate has been brought shall be reimbursed by the court in which the case originated the actual and necessary traveling expenses incurred in taking such inmate into court on said process and returning him to the institution. The superintendent of the institution shall file with the clerk of such court a statement of such expenses and the same shall be certified by him to the county treasurer, who shall pay over to the superintendent of the institution the amount so certified.

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

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## CHAPTER 234.

AN ACT to amend section 253.19 of the statutes, relating to reducing testimony in county court to writing.

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

SECTION 1. Section 253.19 of the statutes is amended to read: 253.19 When any witness is sworn and examined in any contested matter or proceeding in any county court *and an appeal is taken*, the judge thereof shall cause \* \* \* *the testimony to be reduced to writing \* \* \* and the stenographic reporter of such court shall receive the fees provided by law for transcripts of testimony in circuit court; provided, that nothing herein shall prohibit the judge in his discretion from causing the testimony to be so reduced to writing even in the absence of an appeal.*

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

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