

No. 531, S.]

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**CHAPTER 726.**

AN ACT to repeal 196.05 (2), (3) and (4), and 196.06 (4) and (5); and to amend 35.08 (1), 78.11 (6), 184.01 (3), 196.05 (1), 196.12 (1), 196.13 (1), 208.23, 247.15 and 252.06 (paragraph headed "Eleventh Circuit") of the statutes, relating to the definition of securities, public utility functions of the public service commission, the posting of motor fuel retail prices and the numbering of lines of certain printed legislative material and amendment of articles of fraternal benefit societies and terms of court in the eleventh judicial circuit.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. 35.08 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

35.08 (1) 1,000 copies of each bill, resolution, joint resolution and memorial shall be printed in bill form with small pica type, on book paper that may be cut without waste; provided, that privileged resolutions and privileged joint resolutions shall not be printed in bill form unless ordered by the house in which such resolutions originate. Each page shall be 7- $\frac{3}{4}$  inches wide and 11 inches high; shall contain not less than 25 lines, 5 inches long, of printed matter spaced by a pica slug or reglet between adjacent lines, and be punched on the inner margin with 2 holes 7 inches apart; and, in case of a bill or joint resolution, on the first page thereof shall be printed the following matter which shall not occupy more than the upper  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the page: The house in which such bill originated, its number, its date of introduction with the name of the person or committee by whom it was introduced and the order of reference, its title and enacting clause, which shall be immediately followed by the first line of the first section. Upon

each page of such bill or resolution, at the upper outer corner, shall be printed the number thereof. All such numbers and all section numbers shall be printed in black face type. Each line of each \* \* \* page shall be numbered consecutively beginning with line 1.

SECTION 2. 78.11 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

78.11 (6) Every wholesaler and every other person selling or distributing motor fuel in this state shall keep posted in a conspicuous place, most accessible to the public at his place of business, and on every pump from which delivery is made directly into the fuel tank attached to a motor vehicle, a placard showing \* \* \* the net selling price per gallon of all grades of motor fuel and the amount of the license tax per gallon thereon. *On pumps or other dispensing equipment from which motor fuel is sold and delivered directly into fuel supply tanks attached to motor vehicles, such posting shall be in figures not less than one inch high, except that no such placard shall be required on a computer pump whereon the total net selling price per gallon including all taxes is legibly shown on its face.* All sales shall be made at the posted price and delivery slips shall also show the net selling price per gallon of all grades of motor fuel and the amount of the license tax per gallon thereon. If the wholesaler or person has more than one place of business in this state, the wholesaler or person shall post said placard at all of his places of business. All prices posted shall remain in effect for at least 24 hours after they are posted.

SECTION 2m. 184.01 (3) of the statutes as amended by chapter 389, laws of 1951 (Bill No. 560, A.) is amended to read:

184.01 (3) "Securities" means capital stock and evidences of indebtedness of a public service corporation, not including, however, (a) any obligation falling due one year or less after its date and bearing date not later than the day of sale; or (b) any obligation issued to the United States of America in connection with loans for rural telephone facilities made pursuant to the rural electrification act of 1936, as amended, or (c) any securities issued by a corporation organized under chapter 185 for the purpose of furnishing telephone service in rural areas.

SECTION 3. 196.05 (1) is amended to read:

196.05 (1) *Whenever the commission shall deem it either proper or necessary in the interest of effective regulation, the commission shall value or revalue all the property of every public utility actually used and useful for the convenience of the public.* \* \* \*

SECTION 4. 196.05 (2), (3) and (4) of the statutes are repealed.

SECTION 5. 196.06 (4) and (5) of the statutes are repealed.

SECTION 6. 196.12 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

196.12 (1) Each public utility shall furnish to the commission in such form and at such times as the commission shall require, such accounts, reports and information as shall show in itemized detail \* \* \*: The depreciation; the salaries and wages; legal expenses; taxes and rentals; the quantity and value of material used; the receipts from residuals, by-products, services or other sales; the total and net cost; the gross and net profit; the dividends and interest; surplus or reserve; the prices paid by consumers; and in addition such other items, whether of a nature similar to those hereinbefore enumerated or otherwise, as the commission may prescribe in order to show completely and in detail the entire operation of the public utility in furnishing \* \* \* its product or service to the public.

SECTION 7. 196.13 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

196.13 (1) The commission shall publish biennial reports showing its proceedings \* \* \* together with such financial and other data concerning all public utilities as may be appropriate for all the public utilities, and such monthly or occasional reports as it may deem advisable.

SECTION 8. 208.23 of the statutes is amended to read:

208.23 The articles of organization of any mutual benefit society may be amended as prescribed herein, *any provisions contained in the articles of organization notwithstanding.* In case of any society having subordinate lodges or other divisions, after the proposed amendment has been filed with the department of insurance and a copy thereof with notice of the manner and the time and place of voting has been mailed to each member at least 30 days prior to the time for voting, the vote on such amendment may be taken at the usual meeting places of such lodges or other divisions, and the results returned and canvassed in such manner as the board of directors or other governing officers may prescribe in such notice. The time and place of voting may be specified by referring to a stated meeting of such subordinate lodge or other division in such manner as to fully inform the members. An amendment may be adopted by a vote of a majority of the members voting thereon.

SECTION 9. 247.15 of the statutes is amended to read:

247.15 No decree in any action in which divorce counsel is required by section 247.14 to appear shall be granted until such counsel \* \* \* in behalf of the public *has* made a fair and impartial \* \* \* *investigation* of the case \* \* \* and fully advised the court as to the merits of the case and the rights and interests of the parties and of the public, nor until the proposed findings and judgment shall have been submitted to such divorce counsel. Such divorce counsel is empowered to cause witnesses to be subpoenaed on behalf of the state when in his judgment their testimony is necessary to fully advise the court as to the merits of the case and as to the rights and interests of the parties and of the public. The fees of such witnesses shall be paid out of the county treasury as fees of witnesses in criminal cases are paid. The court may direct that such fees be repaid to the county by one of the parties to the action, in which case it shall be the duty of the divorce counsel to see that such repayment is made.

SECTION 10. 252.06 (paragraph headed "Eleventh Circuit") of the statutes is amended to read:

252.06 (paragraph headed "Eleventh Circuit") In the county of Burnett on the third Monday of March and the first Monday of November; in the county of Polk on the \* \* \* *fourth* Monday of April and the first Monday of October; in the county of Barron on the \* \* \* *second* Monday of May and the third Monday of November; in the county of Washburn on the first Wednesday after the first Tuesday of April and the third Monday of October; in the county of Douglas on the first Monday of February and the fourth Monday of August.

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