

## CHAPTER 2.

## DIVISION OF THE STATE INTO COUNTIES, AND THEIR BOUNDARIES.

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**2.01 County boundaries.** The state is divided into the counties hereinafter named, and they are respectively bounded as follows, to wit:

(1) **ADAMS:** Beginning at the southeast corner of township fourteen, of range seven east of the fourth principal meridian, and running thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township twenty, range seven east; thence west on the township line to the center of the main channel of the Wisconsin river; thence southerly along the main channel of said river to the township line between townships thirteen and fourteen; thence east on the township line to the place of beginning.

(2) **ASHLAND:** Beginning at the southwest corner of township forty-one north, of range four west of the fourth principal meridian, and running thence north on the range line between ranges four and five west, to the south end of Long Island Bay, on Lake Superior; thence northerly along the center of said bay to the center of the channel known as the Bay of La Pointe; thence northerly, following the center of the watercourse between the main land and the Apostle Islands, and passing east of Raspberry Island, to the state line; thence easterly and northerly along the state line, to the center of Lake Superior; thence southwesterly to the northwest corner of township number forty-seven north, of range number one west; thence south on the range line between ranges number one and two west, to the southwest corner of township number forty-four north of range number one west; thence east along the township line to the southeast corner of said township number forty-four north, of range number one west; thence south on the range line to the southwest corner of township number forty-three north, of range number one east; thence east along the township line to the southeast corner of said township forty-three north, of range number one east; thence south along the range line to the southeast corner of township number forty-one north, of range number one east; thence west on the township line to the place of beginning.

(3) **BARRON:** Beginning at the southwest corner of township thirty-two, of range fourteen west of the meridian aforesaid; running thence east on the township line to the southeast corner of township thirty-two, of range ten west; thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township thirty-six, of range ten west; thence west on the township line to the northwest corner of township thirty-six, of range fourteen west; thence south on the range line to the place of beginning.

(4) **BAYFIELD:** Beginning at the southwest corner of township forty-three, of range nine west of the meridian aforesaid; and running thence east on the township line to the range line between ranges four and five west; thence north on said range line to the south end of Long Island Bay on Lake Superior; thence northerly along the center of said bay to the center of the channel known as the Bay of La Pointe; thence northerly, following the center of the watercourse between the main land and the Apostle Islands, passing east of Raspberry Island to the state line; thence southwesterly along the state line to a point where the range line between ranges nine and ten west, when extended, intersects the state line; thence south on said last-named range line to the place of beginning.

(5) **BROWN:** Beginning at the southeast corner of township twenty-two, of range twenty-two east of the meridian aforesaid; and running thence north on the range line to the point where said range line intersects the east shore of Green Bay; thence northeasterly along the east shore of said bay to a point where the township line between townships twenty-five and twenty-six intersects the shore of said bay; thence west on said township line to the southeast corner of fractional section thirty-one, in township twenty-six, of range nineteen east; thence north on the section line to the quarter-post between fractional section thirty-one and section thirty-two in township twenty-six, of range nineteen east; thence west on the quarter-section lines to the center-post of section thirty-six, in township twenty-six, of range eighteen east; thence south on the quarter-section lines to the center-

post of section one, in township twenty-five, of range eighteen east; thence east on the quarter-section line to the quarter-post between section one, in township twenty-five, of range eighteen east, and section six, in township twenty-five, of range nineteen east; thence south on the range line to the southwest corner of township twenty-five, of range nineteen east; thence east on the south line of said township to the northeast corner of section four, in township twenty-four, of range nineteen east; thence south on the section lines to the southeast corner of section thirty-three, in township twenty-one, of range nineteen east; thence east on the township line to the southwest corner of township twenty-one, of range twenty-two east; thence north on the range line to the northwest corner of said township twenty-one, of range twenty-two east; thence east on the township line to the place of beginning.

(6) BUFFALO: Beginning at the northwest corner of township twenty-four, of range nine west of the meridian aforesaid; and running thence south on the range line to the Trempealeau or Mountain river; thence down the meandered channel, being the most westerly channel of said river, passing through townships twenty and nineteen, of range ten west, and through the northeast corner of section two, through sections three, ten, nine and fifteen of township eighteen, of range ten west, to the Mississippi river, and to the western boundary line of this state; thence northerly up the Mississippi river, along the western boundary of this state, to the mouth of the Chippewa river; thence up the main channel of the Chippewa river to the township line between townships twenty-four and twenty-five; thence east on said township line to the place of beginning.

(7) BURNETT: Beginning at the southeast corner of township thirty-seven, of range fourteen west of the meridian aforesaid; and running thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township forty-two, of said range fourteen west; thence west on the township line to the boundary line between this state and the state of Minnesota; thence south along said boundary line to a point where the township line between townships thirty-six and thirty-seven intersects said line; thence east on said township line to the southeast corner of township thirty-seven, of range eighteen west; thence north to the northeast corner of said last-named township; thence east to the southeast corner of township thirty-eight, of range fifteen west; thence south on the range line to the southwest corner of township thirty-seven, of range fourteen west; thence east on the township line to the place of beginning.

(8) CALUMET: Beginning at the southeast corner of township seventeen, of range twenty east of the meridian aforesaid; and running thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township twenty, of range twenty east; thence west on the township line to the northwest corner of township twenty, of range eighteen east; thence due south through Winnebago lake to a point in the range of the east and west line which forms the southern boundary of the Indian reservation; thence east on said last-named boundary line to the range line between ranges nineteen and twenty east; thence south on said range line to the southwest corner of township seventeen, of range twenty east; thence east on the township line to the place of beginning.

(9) CHIPPEWA: Beginning at the northeast corner of township twenty-seven north, of range five west of the meridian aforesaid; running thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township thirty-two, of range five west; thence west on the township line to the northwest corner of township thirty-two north, of range nine west; thence south on the range line to the southwest corner of township thirty-two north, of range nine west; thence west on the township line to the northwest corner of township thirty-one, of range ten west; thence south on the township line to the southwest corner of township thirty-one north, of range ten west; thence east on the township line to the northwest corner of township thirty north of range ten west; thence south on the range line to the southwest corner of township twenty-eight north, of range ten west; thence east on the township line to the place of beginning.

(10) CLARK: Beginning at the southeast corner of township twenty-three, of range one east of the meridian aforesaid; thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township twenty-nine, of range one east; thence west on the township line to the northwest corner of township twenty-nine, of range four west; thence south on the range line to the southwest corner of township twenty-four, of range four west; thence east on the township line to the southeast corner of said township twenty-four, of range four west; thence south on the range line to the southwest corner of township twenty-three, of range three west; thence east on the township line to the place of beginning.

(11) COLUMBIA: Beginning at a point in the north line of township thirteen, of range six east, where the said line intersects the center of the main channel of the Wisconsin river; running thence down the middle of the main channel of said river to a point where the range line between ranges seven and eight east intersect said river; thence south on said range line to the middle of the Wisconsin river aforesaid (in township ten);

thence down the middle of the main channel of said river to a point where the north line of township nine intersects the same; thence east on said township line to the southeast corner of township ten, of range twelve east; thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township thirteen, of range twelve east; thence west on the township line to the place of beginning.

(12) CRAWFORD: Beginning at a point in the western boundary line of this state, in the Mississippi river, opposite the mouth of the Wisconsin river; and running thence easterly up the middle of the main channel of the Wisconsin river to a point where the range line between ranges two and three west of the meridian aforesaid intersects the middle of said main channel; thence north on said range line to the northeast corner of section twenty-four, of township eleven, of range three west; thence west on the section line to the west boundary line of this state, in the main channel of the Mississippi river; thence southerly on said boundary line to the place of beginning.

(13) DANE: Beginning at a point in the center of the main channel of the Wisconsin river where the range line between ranges five and six east of the meridian aforesaid crosses said river; running thence south on said range line to the southwest corner of township five, of range six east; thence east on the township line to the southeast corner of township five, of range twelve east; thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township nine, of range twelve east; thence west on the township line to the middle of the Wisconsin river; thence down the middle of the main channel of said river to the place of beginning.

(14) DODGE: Beginning at the southeast corner of township nine, of range seventeen east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township thirteen, of range seventeen east; thence west on the township line to the northwest corner of township thirteen, of range thirteen east; thence south on the range line to the southwest corner of township nine, of range thirteen east; thence east on the township line to the place of beginning.

(15) DOOR: Beginning on the west shore of Lake Michigan where the south line of township twenty-six intersects Lake Michigan; running thence west on the township line to the center of Green Bay; thence northeasterly along the center of the main channel of Green Bay to the boundary line between the states of Michigan and Wisconsin; thence along said boundary line between the state of Michigan and the state of Wisconsin to a point in Lake Michigan where the east and west line on the south side of township twenty-six, extended easterly, would intersect the eastern boundary of the state of Wisconsin; and from thence west to the place of beginning.

(16) DOUGLAS: All that part of this state lying west of range nine west of the fourth principal meridian and north of the township line between townships forty-two and forty-three.

(17) DUNN: Beginning at the southwest corner of township twenty-six, of range fourteen west of the meridian aforesaid; and running thence east on the township line to the range line between ranges ten and eleven west; thence north on said range line to the township line between townships thirty-one and thirty-two; thence west on the township line to the range line between ranges fourteen and fifteen west; thence south on said range line to the place of beginning.

(18) EAU CLAIRE: Beginning at the southwest corner of township twenty-five, of range ten west of the meridian aforesaid; and running thence east on the township line to the range line between ranges four and five west; thence north on said range line to the township line between townships twenty-seven and twenty-eight; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges ten and eleven west; thence south on said line to the place of beginning.

(19) FLORENCE: Commencing at the southwest corner of township thirty-eight, of range fifteen east of the meridian aforesaid; thence east along the township line to the southeast corner of township thirty-eight, of range nineteen east; thence north on the range line to the northern boundary of this state, in the Menomonee river; thence northwesterly along said boundary line to the range line between ranges fourteen and fifteen east, in the Brule river; thence southerly on said range line to the place of beginning.

(20) FOND DU LAC: Beginning at the southeast corner of township thirteen, of range nineteen east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence north on the range line to the south line of the Indian reservation; thence west on said south line to a point in Lake Winnebago, in the range line between ranges seventeen and eighteen east; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships sixteen and seventeen; thence west to the northwest corner of township sixteen, of range fourteen east; thence south on the range line to the southwest corner of township fourteen, of range fourteen east; thence east on the township line to the northwest corner of township thirteen, of range

eighteen east; thence south to the southwest corner of the last-named township; thence east on the township line to the place of beginning.

(21) FOREST: Commencing at the southwest corner of township thirty-four north, of range thirteen east of the fourth principal meridian; running thence north on the range line between ranges twelve and thirteen to the township line between townships thirty-four and thirty-five north; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges eleven and twelve east; thence north on said range line to the fourth correction line; thence east on said correction line to the range line between ranges twelve and thirteen; thence north on the range line between ranges twelve and thirteen to the boundary line between the states of Michigan and Wisconsin; thence southeasterly on said boundary line to the range line between ranges fourteen and fifteen east; thence south on said range line to the fourth correction line; thence east on said correction line to the northeast corner of township forty, of range fourteen east; thence south on the range line between ranges fourteen and fifteen to the southeast corner of township thirty-eight, of range fourteen east; thence east on the township line to the range line between ranges sixteen and seventeen east; thence south on the range line to the township line between townships thirty-three and thirty-four; thence west on the township line to the place of beginning.

(22) GRANT: All that part of this state lying west of the fourth principal meridian, and south of the center of the main channel of the Wisconsin river.

(23) GREEN: Beginning at the southeast corner of township one, of range nine east of the meridian aforesaid, in the boundary line of this state; running thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township four, of range nine east; thence west on the township line to the northwest corner of township four, of range six east; thence south on the range line to the southwest corner of township one, of range six east; thence east on the boundary line aforesaid to the place of beginning.

(24) GREEN LAKE: Beginning at the southwest corner of township fourteen, of range eleven east; and running thence east on the township line to the range line between ranges thirteen and fourteen east; thence north on said range line to the northeast corner of township seventeen, of range thirteen east; thence west on the township line to the northeast corner of section three, of township seventeen, of range eleven east; thence south to the north line of township sixteen, of range eleven east, and to the northeast corner of section three in the said last-named township; thence west along the township line to the half section corner of section four in township sixteen, of range eleven east; thence south to the south line of said section four; thence east to the northeast corner of section nine in township sixteen; thence south to the southeast corner of section nine; thence west to the half section corner of sections nine and sixteen; thence south through the center of sections sixteen, twenty-one, twenty-eight and thirty-three to the township line between townships fifteen and sixteen; thence east along said township line to the northeast corner of section three, in township fifteen, of range eleven east; thence south on the section line to Lake Puckaway; thence along the shore of said lake as meandered by the government survey to the range line between ranges ten and eleven east; thence south on said range line to the place of beginning.

(25) IOWA: Beginning at a point in the middle of the main channel of the Wisconsin river where the fourth principal meridian crosses said river; running thence south on said meridian to the southwest corner of section eighteen, in township four, of range one east; thence east on the section lines to the southeast corner of section thirteen, in township four, of range five east; thence north on the range line to the middle of the Wisconsin river; thence down the middle of the main channel of said river to the place of beginning.

(26) IRON: Commencing at the mouth of the Montreal river, thence to the center of Lake Superior along the state line; thence southwesterly to the northwest corner of township number forty-seven north, of range number one west; thence south on the range line between ranges number one and two west, to the southwest corner of township number forty-four north, of range number one west; thence east, along the township line, to the southeast corner of said township number forty-four north, of range number one west; thence south on range line, to the southwest corner of township number forty-three north, of range number one east; thence east along the township line to the southeast corner of said township number forty-three north, of range number one east; thence south, along the range line, to the southeast corner of township number forty-one north, of range number one east; thence east, along the township line, to the southeast corner of township number forty-one north, of range number four east; thence north on the range line between ranges number four and five east, to the state line; thence northwesterly along the state line to the center of the Montreal river, and following center line of said river to the place of beginning.

(27) JACKSON: Beginning at the southeast corner of township twenty, of range one east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence north on the range line to the township line between townships twenty-two and twenty-three; thence west on said township line to the southwest corner of township twenty-three, of range three west; thence north on the range line to the northwest corner of said township twenty-three; thence west on the township line to the range line between ranges four and five west; thence north on said range line to the township line between townships twenty-four and twenty-five; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges six and seven west; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships eighteen and nineteen; thence east on said township line to the southwest corner of section thirty-four, of township nineteen, of range five west; thence north on section lines to the point where the center of Black river crosses the west line of the southwest quarter of section fifteen, in said township and range; thence northeasterly, northerly and westerly along the center of Black river to the point where the center of said river crosses the east line of the northeast quarter of section sixteen, in said township and range; thence north on section lines to the point where the center of said river crosses the west line of section ten, in said township and range; thence northeasterly in the center of said river to the point where the said center crosses the south line of section two, in said township and range; thence east to the southeast corner of said section two; thence north to the point where the center of said river crosses the east line of said section two; thence northeasterly in the center of said river to the point where said center crosses the east line of section one, in said township and range; thence north to the northeast corner of said section one; thence east on the township line between townships nineteen and twenty to the place of beginning.

(28) JEFFERSON: Beginning at the southeast corner of township five, of range sixteen east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township eight, of range sixteen east; thence west on the township line to the northwest corner of township eight, of range thirteen east; thence south on the range line to the southwest corner of township five, of range thirteen east; thence east on the township line to the place of beginning.

(29) JUNEAU: Beginning at the southwest corner of township fourteen, of range two east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence east on the township line to the center of the main channel of the Wisconsin river; thence northerly up the main channel of said river to the township line between townships twenty and twenty-one; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges one and two east; thence south on said range line to the place of beginning.

(30) KENOSHA: Beginning at the southwest corner of township one, of range nineteen east of the meridian aforesaid, in the southern boundary line of this state; running thence east on said boundary line to the center of Lake Michigan; thence northerly along the eastern boundary line of this state to the township line between townships two and three; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges nineteen and twenty east; thence south on said range line to the section line between sections twenty-four and twenty-five, in township two, of range nineteen east; thence west on said section line to the range line between ranges eighteen and nineteen east; thence south on said range line to the place of beginning.

(31) KEWAUNEE: Beginning at a point on the west shore of Lake Michigan where the north line of township twenty-one intersects said shore; running thence west on the north line of said township twenty-one to the range line between ranges twenty-two and twenty-three east of the meridian aforesaid; thence north on said range line until it strikes the east shore of Green Bay, and thence northeasterly along the shore of said bay to the township line between townships twenty-five and twenty-six; thence east on said township line to the east boundary line of this state; thence south on said boundary line to a point directly east of the place of beginning; thence west to the place of beginning.

(32) LA CROSSE: Beginning at the point in the western boundary line of this state, in the Mississippi river, where the township line between townships seventeen and eighteen intersects said boundary line; running thence east on said township line to the main channel of the Black river; thence up the main channel of the Black river to the range line between ranges six and seven west; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships eighteen and nineteen; thence east on said township line to the range line between ranges four and five west of the meridian aforesaid; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships fourteen and fifteen; thence west on said township line to the western boundary line of this state, in the Mississippi river; thence northerly up the main channel of said river to the intersection of the center line of the west channel of said river with the center line of the main east channel thereof at a

point south of Barron's Island (also known as Pettibone Park) thence northwesterly up the center line of said west channel and west of said island to the intersection of said center lines north of said island and thence northerly up the main channel of said river to the place of beginning.

(33) LA FAYETTE: Beginning at the southwest corner of township one, of range one east of the meridian aforesaid, in the boundary line of this state; running thence east on said boundary line to the southeast corner of township one, of range five east; thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of section twenty-four, in township four, of range five east; thence on the section line to the northwest corner of section nineteen, in township four, of range one east; thence south on the aforesaid principal meridian to the place of beginning.

(34) LANGLADE: Commencing at the southwest corner of township thirty-one, of range nine east; thence north on the range line to the southwest corner of township thirty-five, of the same range; thence east on the township line to the range line between ranges twelve and thirteen east; thence south to the southwest corner of township thirty-four, of range thirteen east; thence east to the range line between ranges fourteen and fifteen east; thence south on the range line to the southwest corner of township thirty-two of range fifteen east; thence east to the northeast corner of section five, in township thirty-one, of range fifteen east; thence south on section lines to the township line between townships thirty and thirty-one; thence west on the township line to the northeast corner of township thirty, of range twelve east; thence south to the southeast corner of township thirty, of range twelve east; thence west to the southwest corner of township thirty, of range eleven east; thence north to the northwest corner of township thirty, of range eleven east; thence west to the place of beginning.

(35) LINCOLN: Commencing at the southwest corner of township thirty-one, range four east; thence north on the range line to the southwest corner of township thirty-six, same range; thence east on the township line to the southeast corner of township thirty-six, range eight east; thence south on the range line to the township line between townships thirty and thirty-one; thence west on the township line to the place of beginning.

(36) MANITOWOC: Beginning at the southwest corner of township seventeen, of range twenty-one east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence on the township line to the eastern boundary of this state in Lake Michigan; thence north along said boundary line to the point where the township line between townships twenty-one and twenty-two, extended, intersects said boundary line; thence west on said township line to the northwest corner of township twenty-one, of range twenty-two east; thence south on the range line to the township line between townships twenty and twenty-one; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges twenty and twenty-one east; thence south on said range line to the place of beginning.

(37) MARATHON: Beginning at the southwest corner of township twenty-six, of range two east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence east on the township line to the southeast corner of township twenty-six, of range ten east; thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township thirty, of range ten east; thence west on the township line to the northwest corner of township thirty, of range three east; thence south to the southwest corner of the last-named township; thence west on the township line to the range line between ranges one and two east; thence south on said range line to the place of beginning.

(38) MARINETTE: Beginning on the north boundary line of this state, on the range line between ranges nineteen and twenty east of the meridian aforesaid; thence southerly along said boundary line to the center of the main channel of Green Bay; thence southerly along the main channel of Green Bay to the range line between ranges twenty-two and twenty-three; thence north along said range line to the southeast corner of section twelve, in township twenty-nine, of range twenty-two; thence west along section lines to the southwest corner of section ten, in township twenty-nine of range twenty-one, thence north along section lines to the township line between townships twenty-nine and thirty; thence west along the same to the range line between ranges nineteen and twenty; thence north along the same to the township line between townships thirty and thirty-one; thence west along the same to the range line between ranges eighteen and nineteen; thence north along the same to the township line between townships thirty-one and thirty-two; thence west along the same to the range line between ranges seventeen and eighteen; thence north along the same to the township line between townships thirty-three and thirty-four; thence west along the same to the range line between ranges sixteen and seventeen east; thence north along the same to the township line between townships thirty-seven and thirty-eight; thence east on the township line to the range line between ranges nineteen and twenty east; thence north along the same to the place of beginning.

(39) MARQUETTE: Beginning at the northeast corner of section three in township seventeen, of range eleven east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence south to the north line of township sixteen, of range eleven east, and to the northeast corner of section three in said last-mentioned township; thence west along the township line to the half section corner of section four in said township sixteen; thence south to the south line of said section four; thence east to the northeast corner of section nine in said last-mentioned township; thence south to the southeast corner of said section nine; thence west to the half section corner of sections nine and sixteen of said last-mentioned township; thence south through the center of sections sixteen, twenty-one, twenty-eight and thirty-three to the township line between townships fifteen and sixteen; thence east along said last-mentioned line to the northeast corner of section three in township fifteen, range eleven east; thence south on the section line to Lake Puckaway; thence along the shore of said lake, as meandered by the government survey, to the range line between ranges ten and eleven east; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships thirteen and fourteen; thence west on said last-named township line to the southwest corner of township fourteen, range eight east; thence north on the range line to the northwest corner of township seventeen, range eight east; thence east on the township line to the place of beginning.

(40) MILWAUKEE: Beginning at the southwest corner of township five, of range twenty-one east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence due east to the boundary line of this state in Lake Michigan; thence northerly on said boundary line to a point in range with the east and west line between townships eight and nine; thence due west to the northwest corner of township eight of range twenty-one east; thence south on the range line to the place of beginning.

(41) MONROE: Beginning at the southeast corner of township fifteen, of range one east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence north on the range line to the township line between townships nineteen and twenty; thence west on said township line to the northeast corner of section one, in township nineteen, of range five west; thence south to the point where the center of Black river crosses the east line of said section one; thence southwesterly in the center of said river to the east line of section two, in said township and range; thence south to the southeast corner of said section two; thence west to the point where the center of said river crosses the south line of said section two; thence southwesterly in the center of said river to the point where said center crosses the east line of section nine, in said township and range; thence south on section lines to the point where the center of said river crosses the east line of the northeast quarter of section sixteen, in said township and range; thence easterly, southerly and southwesterly, in the center of said river, to the point where said center crosses the east line of the southeast quarter of said section sixteen; thence south on section lines to the southwest corner of section thirty-four, in said township and range; thence east to the range line between ranges four and five west; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships fourteen and fifteen; thence east on said township line to the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section thirty-four, township fifteen, of range two west; thence north to the northwest corner of said southeast quarter of the southwest quarter; thence east one mile to the northeast corner of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section thirty-five, township fifteen, of range two west; thence south to the southeast corner of said southwest quarter of the southwest quarter; thence east on the township line to the place of beginning.

(42) OCONTO: Beginning at the quarter-post between section thirty-six, in township twenty-six, of range eighteen east of the meridian aforesaid, and fractional section thirty-one, in township twenty-six, of range nineteen east; thence north on the range line to the township line between townships twenty-seven and twenty-eight; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges fifteen and sixteen east; thence north on said range line to the correction line between townships thirty and thirty-one; thence west on said correction line to the southeast corner of section thirty-two, of township thirty-one, range fifteen east; thence north on section lines to the township line between townships thirty-one and thirty-two; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges fourteen and fifteen east; thence north on such range line to the township line between townships thirty-three and thirty-four; thence east on said township line to the range line between ranges seventeen and eighteen; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships thirty-one and thirty-two; thence east on said township line to the range line between ranges eighteen and nineteen; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships thirty and thirty-one; thence east on said township line to the range line between ranges nineteen and twenty; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships twenty-nine and thirty; thence east along said township line to the northwest corner of section three, in township twenty-

nine, range twenty-one; thence south along section lines to the southwest corner of section ten, of the township and range last aforesaid; thence east along section lines to the southeast corner of section twelve, in township twenty-nine, of range twenty-two; thence south along the range line to the center of the main channel of Green Bay; thence southerly along the center of said main channel to the township line between townships twenty-five and twenty-six; thence west on said township line to the southeast corner of fractional section thirty-one, in township twenty-six, of range nineteen east; thence north on the section line to the quarter-post between fractional section thirty-one and section thirty-two in township twenty-six, of range nineteen east; thence west on the quarter-section lines to the place of beginning.

(43) ONEIDA: Commencing at the southeast corner of township thirty-five north, of range eleven east; thence north on the range line between ranges eleven and twelve to the southeast corner of township forty, of range eleven east; thence west on the township line between townships thirty-nine and forty to the northeast corner of township thirty-nine, of range ten east; thence south on the range line between ranges ten and eleven to the southeast corner of section thirteen, in said township thirty-nine, of range ten east; thence west on the south lines of sections thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen and eighteen to the southwest corner of section eighteen, in the same town and range; thence north on the range line between ranges nine and ten east to the northeast corner of township thirty-nine, north of range nine east; thence west on the township line between townships thirty-nine and forty to the northwest corner of township thirty-nine, of range four east; thence south on the range line between ranges three and four to the southwest corner of township thirty-six, of range four east; thence east on the township line between townships thirty-five and thirty-six to the southeast corner of township thirty-six, of range eight east; thence south on the range line between ranges eight and nine to the southwest corner of township thirty-five, of range nine east; thence east on the township line between townships thirty-four and thirty-five to the place of beginning.

(44) OUTAGAMIE: Beginning at the southwest corner of township twenty-one, of range fifteen east of the fourth principal meridian; running thence north on the range line to the northwest corner of township twenty-four, of range fifteen east; thence east on the township line to the northeast corner of section four, in township twenty-four, of range nineteen east; thence south on the section lines to the southeast corner of section thirty-three, in township twenty-one, of range nineteen east; thence west on the township line to the place of beginning.

(45) OZAUKEE: Beginning at the southwest corner of township nine, of range twenty-one east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence north on the range line to the northwest corner of township twelve, of range twenty-one east; thence east on the township line to the eastern boundary line of this state, in Lake Michigan; thence southerly on said boundary line until it intersects a line running due east between townships eight and nine; thence west on said line to the place of beginning.

(46) PEPIN: Beginning in the center of the Mississippi river, at the mouth of Rush river; thence running due east to the range line between ranges fourteen and fifteen west of the meridian aforesaid; thence north on the said range line to the township line between townships twenty-five and twenty-six; thence east on the township line to the range line between ranges ten and eleven west; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships twenty-four and twenty-five; thence west on said township line to the Chippewa river; thence down the center of the main channel of said river to the Mississippi river; thence up the center of the Mississippi river to the place of beginning.

(47) PIERCE: Beginning in the Mississippi river in the western boundary line of this state at the mouth of the Rush river; thence due east to the range line between ranges fourteen and fifteen west; thence north on said range line to the township line between townships twenty-seven and twenty-eight; thence west on said township line to the western boundary of this state; thence southerly along said western boundary to the place of beginning.

(48) POLK: Beginning at the southeast corner of township thirty-two, of range fifteen west of the meridian aforesaid; running thence north on the range line to the township line between townships thirty-seven and thirty-eight; thence west on said township line to the northwest corner of township thirty-seven, of range seventeen west; thence south to the southwest corner of said township; thence west to the western boundary line of this state; thence southerly along said boundary line to the township line between townships thirty-one and thirty-two; thence east on said township line to the place of beginning.

(49) PORTAGE: Beginning at the southeast corner of township twenty-one, of range ten east of the meridian aforesaid; thence north on the range line to the township line



between townships twenty-five and twenty-six; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges five and six east; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships twenty-three and twenty-four; thence east on said township line to the range line between ranges six and seven east; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships twenty and twenty-one; thence east on said township line to the place of beginning.

(50) PRICE: Beginning at the southwest corner of township thirty-four, of range two west of the meridian aforesaid; thence north on the range line to the township line between townships forty and forty-one; thence east on said township line to the range line between ranges three and four east; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships thirty-three and thirty-four; thence west on said township line to the place of beginning.

(51) RACINE: Beginning at the northwest corner of township four, of range nineteen east of the aforesaid meridian; running thence east on the township line to the east boundary line of this state, in Lake Michigan; thence south along said boundary line to a point where the township line between townships two and three, extended, intersects said boundary line; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges nineteen and twenty east; thence south on said range line to the section line between sections twenty-four and twenty-five, in township two, of range nineteen east; thence west on said section line to the range line between ranges eighteen and nineteen east; thence north on said range line to the place of beginning.

(52) RICHLAND: Beginning at a point in the center of the main channel of the Wisconsin river where the range line between ranges two and three east of the meridian aforesaid crosses said river; running thence on said range line to the northeast corner of township twelve, of range two east; thence west on the township line to the northwest corner of township twelve, of range two west of said meridian; thence south on the range line to the middle of the Wisconsin river, thence up the middle of the main channel of said river to the place of beginning.

(53) ROCK: Beginning at the southwest corner of township one, of range ten east of the meridian aforesaid, in the southern boundary line of this state; running thence east on said boundary line to the southeast corner of township one, of range fourteen east; thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township four, of range fourteen east; thence west on the township line to the northwest corner of township four, of range ten east; thence south on the range line to the place of beginning.

(54) RUSK: Commencing at the southeast corner of township number thirty-three north, of range five west; running thence north on the range line between ranges numbered four and five, to the northeast corner of said township numbered thirty-three; thence running east on the town line between towns numbered thirty-three and thirty-four to the southeast corner of township numbered thirty-four north, of range numbered three west; thence running north on the range line between ranges numbered two and three west, to the northeast corner of township numbered thirty-six north, of range numbered three west; thence running west on the town line between townships numbered thirty-six and thirty-seven, to the northwest corner of township numbered thirty-six north, of range numbered nine west; thence south on the range line between ranges numbered nine and ten west, to the southwest corner of township numbered thirty-three north, of range numbered nine west; thence running east on the town line between townships numbered thirty-two and thirty-three north, to the place of beginning.

(55) St. CROIX: Beginning at the southeast corner of township twenty-eight, of range fifteen west of the meridian aforesaid; running thence north on the range line to the township line between townships thirty-one and thirty-two; thence west on said township line to the western boundary of this state; thence southerly along said western boundary line to the township line between townships twenty-seven and twenty-eight; thence east on said township line to the place of beginning.

(56) SAUK: Beginning at a point in the middle of the main channel of the Wisconsin river, in the range line between ranges two and three, east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence north on said range line to the southeast corner of township thirteen, of range two east; thence west on the township line to the southwest corner of the last-named township; thence north on the range line to the northwest corner of the last-named township; thence east on the township line to the middle of the Wisconsin river; thence down the middle of the main channel of said river until it intersects the range line between ranges seven and eight east; thence south on said range line until it strikes the middle of said river; thence down the middle of the main channel of said river to the place of beginning.

(57) SAWYER: Commencing at the southeast corner of township thirty-seven, range

three west of the meridian aforesaid; thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township forty, of range three west; thence west on the township line to the southeast corner of township forty-one, of range five west; thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township forty-two, range five west; thence west on the township line to the northwest corner of township forty-two, range nine west; thence south on the range line to the southwest corner of township thirty-seven, range nine west; thence east on said township line to the place of beginning.

(58) SHAWANO: Beginning at the southeast corner of township twenty-five, of range eighteen east of the meridian aforesaid; thence north on the range line to the quarter-post between section one, in township twenty-five, of range eighteen east, and section six, in township twenty-five, of range nineteen east; thence west on the quarter-section line to the center-post of section one, in township twenty-five, of range eighteen east; thence north on the quarter-section lines to the center-post of section thirty-six, in township twenty-six, of range eighteen east; thence east on the quarter-section line to the quarter-post between section thirty-six, in township twenty-six, of range eighteen east, and fractional section thirty-one, in township twenty-six of range nineteen east; thence north on the range line to the township line between townships twenty-seven and twenty-eight; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges fifteen and sixteen east; thence north on said range line to the township line between townships thirty and thirty-one; thence west on said township line to the northeast corner of township thirty, range twelve east; thence south on the range line to the township line between townships twenty-nine and thirty; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges ten and eleven east; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships twenty-five and twenty-six; thence east on said township line to the range line between ranges fifteen and sixteen east; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships twenty-four and twenty-five; thence east on said township line to the place of beginning.

(59) SHEBOYGAN: Beginning at the southwest corner of township thirteen, of range twenty east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence due east to the eastern boundary line of this state, in Lake Michigan; thence northerly on said boundary line until it intersects a line running due east between townships sixteen and seventeen; thence due west on said line to the northwest corner of township sixteen, of range twenty east; thence south on the range line to the place of beginning.

(60) TAYLOR: Beginning at the northeast corner of township thirty-three, of range three east of the meridian aforesaid; thence running west on the township line to the range line between ranges four and five west; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships twenty-nine and thirty; thence east on said township line to the range line between ranges two and three east; thence north on said range line to the township line between townships thirty and thirty-one; thence east on said township line to the southeast corner of township thirty-one, of range three east; thence north on the east line of townships thirty-one, thirty-two and thirty-three to the place of beginning.

(61) TREMPEALEAU: Beginning at the point of the western boundary line of this state, in the Mississippi river, where the line between townships seventeen and eighteen intersects said boundary line; thence running east on said township line to the main channel of Black river; thence up the middle of the main channel of said river to the range line between ranges six and seven west; thence north on said range line to the township line between townships twenty-four and twenty-five; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges nine and ten west; thence south on said range line to the Trempealeau or Mountain river; thence down the meandered channel, being the most westerly channel of said Trempealeau or Mountain river, passing through townships twenty and nineteen of range ten west, and through the northeast corner of section two, and through sections three, ten, nine and fifteen, of township eighteen, of range ten west, to the Mississippi river, including in Trempealeau county the island in the Mississippi river composed of portions of sections fourteen, fifteen, twenty-two, twenty-three and twenty-four, of township eighteen, of range ten west, as surveyed by the United States, to the western boundary of this state in the Mississippi river; thence down the main channel of said river along said boundary line to the place of beginning.

(62) VERNON: Beginning at the northeast corner of township twelve, of range three west of the meridian aforesaid; thence running south on the range line to the northeast corner of section twenty-four, of township eleven, of range three west; thence west on the section line to the boundary line of this state, in the main channel of the Mississippi river; thence northerly on the boundary line of this state in said river, to the point of intersection of said boundary line and the township line between township fourteen and

fifteen; thence east on said township line to the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section thirty-four, township fifteen, of range two west; thence north to the northwest corner of said southeast quarter of the southwest quarter; thence east one mile to the northeast corner of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section thirty-five, township fifteen, of range two west; thence south to the southeast corner of said southwest quarter of the southwest quarter; thence east to the northeast corner of township fourteen, of range one east; thence south on the range line to the southeast corner of township thirteen, of range one east; thence west on the township line to the place of beginning.

(63) VILAS: Commencing at the southeast corner of township forty north, of range eleven east of the meridian aforesaid; thence north on the township line to the fourth correction line; thence east on the fourth correction line to the range line between ranges twelve and thirteen east; thence north on the range line between ranges twelve and thirteen east to the state boundary; thence northwesterly on the state boundary to the northwest corner of township forty-four, of range five east; thence south on the range line to the southwest corner of township forty-one north, of range five east; thence west on the township line between towns forty and forty-one to the northwest corner of town forty north, of range four east; thence south on the range line to the southwest corner of township forty north, range four east; thence east on the township line between townships thirty-nine and forty to the northwest corner of township thirty-nine north, of range ten east; thence south on the range line between ranges nine and ten east to the southwest corner of section eighteen, in township thirty-nine north, of range ten east; thence east on the south lines of sections eighteen, seventeen, sixteen, fifteen, fourteen and thirteen to the southeast corner of section thirteen, in the same town and range; thence north on the range line between ranges ten and eleven east to the northeast corner of township thirty-nine north, of range ten east; thence east on the township line between townships thirty-nine and forty to the place of beginning.

(64) WALWORTH: Beginning at the southwest corner of township one, of range fifteen east of the meridian aforesaid, in the southern boundary line of this state; running thence east on said boundary line to the southeast corner of township one, of range eighteen east; thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township four, of range eighteen east; thence west on the township line to the northwest corner of township four, of range fifteen east; thence south on the range line to the place of beginning.

(65) WASHBURN: Commencing at the southeast corner of township thirty-seven, of range ten west of the meridian aforesaid; thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township forty-two, of range ten; thence west on the township line to the northwest corner of township forty-two, of range thirteen west; thence south on the range line to the southwest corner of township thirty-seven, of range thirteen west; thence east on the township line to the place of beginning.

(66) WASHINGTON: Beginning at the southwest corner of township nine, of range eighteen east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence east on the township line to the range line between ranges twenty and twenty-one east; thence north on said range line to the township line between townships twelve and thirteen; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges seventeen and eighteen east; thence south on said range line to the place of beginning.

(67) WAUKESHA: Beginning at the southwest corner of township five, of range seventeen east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence east on the township line to the southeast corner of township five, of range twenty east; thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township eight, of range twenty east; thence west on the township line to the northwest corner of township eight, of range seventeen east; thence south on the range line to the place of beginning.

(68) WAUPACA: Beginning at the southeast corner of township twenty-one, of range fourteen east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence north on the range line to the township line between townships twenty-four and twenty-five; thence east on said township line to the range line between ranges fifteen and sixteen east; thence north on said range line to the township line between townships twenty-five and twenty-six; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges ten and eleven east; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships twenty and twenty-one; thence east on said township line to the place of beginning.

(69) WAUSHARA: Beginning at the southeast corner of township eighteen, of range thirteen east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township twenty; thence west on the township line to the range line between ranges seven and eight east; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships seventeen and eighteen; thence east on said township line to the place of beginning.

(70) WINNEBAGO: Beginning at the northeast corner of township twenty, of range seventeen east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence due south through Lake Winnebago until it intersects the township line between townships sixteen and seventeen; thence west on said township line to the southwest corner of township seventeen, of range fourteen east; thence north on the range line to the northwest corner of township twenty, of range fourteen east; thence east on the township line to the place of beginning.

(71) WOOD: Beginning at the southwest corner of township twenty-one, of range two east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence east on the township line to the range line between ranges six and seven east; thence north on said range line to the township line between townships twenty-three and twenty-four; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges five and six east; thence north on said range line to the township line between townships twenty-five and twenty-six; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges one and two east; thence south on said range line to the place of beginning.

**2.02 Construction of boundary descriptions.** Whenever the boundary line of any county is described as running north or south on any range line, or east or west on any township line, the said boundary line shall be deemed to run on such lines as are established by the United States survey, making such offsets, where said range lines and township lines are not continuous straight lines, as are made by such United States surveys.

**2.03 Jurisdiction of counties on boundary streams.** Whenever two counties are separated from each other by a river or a creek, the middle of the main channel of such river or creek shall be the division line between them, unless otherwise provided in the description of the boundaries of such counties. The counties so separated shall have common jurisdiction of all offenses committed on the waters between them, and all writs and process issued in any such county may be executed at any place on the waters of such river or creek opposite the county from which it was issued.

**2.04 Jurisdiction of counties on boundary lake and state boundary waters.** The counties now or hereafter organized upon the westerly shore of Lake Michigan shall have jurisdiction in common of all offenses committed on said lake. The counties now or hereafter organized on the shores of Green Bay shall have jurisdiction in common of all offenses committed on Green Bay. The counties now or hereafter organized on the southerly shore of Lake Superior shall have jurisdiction in common of all offenses committed on said lake. The counties now or hereafter organized on the easterly shore of the Mississippi river shall have jurisdiction in common of all offenses committed on said river. The counties now or hereafter organized on the shores of Lake Winnebago shall have jurisdiction in common of all offenses committed on any part of said lake. The counties now or hereafter organized on the easterly shore of the St. Croix river or lake shall have jurisdiction in common of all offenses committed on any part of said river or lake; when 2 or more counties are now or hereafter organized on the shores of any inland water of this state, as defined in s. 29.01 (4), such counties shall have jurisdiction in common of all offenses committed on any part of such inland water; and all offenses committed against this state on any part of said waters may be heard and tried in either of the counties having, as aforesaid, common jurisdiction over such waters where such offense may be committed in which legal process against the offender shall be first served and may be alleged and shall be conclusively deemed to have been committed within such county; and all civil process from either of the counties aforesaid may be executed within and upon such waters as are within the jurisdiction of such county above given. In the construction of this section all wharves and piers shall be deemed part of the land with which they are connected.

**History:** 1953 c. 506.

**2.05 Brown county records.** The record in Brown county, made prior to the first day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty, of any such conveyance or instrument mentioned in section 327.17, affecting lands situate in any other county at the time such record was made and duly certified copies thereof, shall be received in evidence with the same effect as if the same had been duly recorded in the county where the land was situated except against purchasers or claimants of any title, estate, interest or lien, in good faith and without notice, and except that no notice shall be implied from such record. A copy of any such record, duly certified by the register of deeds of Brown county, may also be recorded in any county where the land may be situated with like effect as the original conveyance or instrument; and any such record of any such copy heretofore made shall have such effect.

**2.06 Records of Iron and Forest counties.** The records of Iron and Forest counties, which have been or may be transcribed from the original records of other counties, of

which the territory now comprising either of said counties was formerly a part, under and by direction of the county board of either such counties and properly attested by the affidavit of the person or persons making such transcription or certified to under the hand and official seal of the officer having the custody of such original records shall be received in all courts as prima facie evidence of the matters therein contained in the same manner as now provided by law for the reception of record evidence, and as to Iron county shall be so received notwithstanding any defects in said certificate, either as to form or omission therefrom of matter or facts required by law to be stated. One such certificate to each volume of records or other documents so transcribed shall be deemed sufficient.

**2.07 Transcribed records of Rusk county.** The transcribed records of Rusk county, which have been or may be transcribed from the original records of other counties, of which territory now comprising said Rusk county were formerly a part, under and by direction of the county board of Rusk county, and properly attested by the affidavit of the person or persons making such transcriptions, shall be received in all courts in this state, as prima facie evidence of the matters therein contained, in the same manner as now provided by law for the reception of record evidence.