

within twenty days after receiving the same, shall be deemed guilty of embezzlement.

Penalty for neglect of district clerk.

SECTION 9. Any school district clerk who shall wilfully neglect or refuse to certify an amount sufficient to liquidate annually the interest and principal as they become due from his school district, under the provisions of any special act upon any loan from the trust funds of the state, as required by this act authorizing such loan, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof before any court of competent jurisdiction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars, or more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the state prison not less than one year nor more than five years, in the discretion of the court.

Duty of attorney general.

SECTION 10. It shall be the duty of the attorney general to prosecute without delay, all offenses arising under this act, and of all district attorneys when called upon by him, to render him all needed assistance in such prosecution.

Duty of secretary of state.

SECTION 11. It is hereby made the duty of the secretary of state, and he is hereby authorized, in case of the neglect of any officer of the town or school district to do any duty required of him in this act, to do the same.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved March 3, 1871.

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## CHAPTER 43.

[Published March 6, 1871.]

AN ACT relating to and amendatory of section six of chapter 160 of the general laws of 1859, entitled "an act to prescribe and limit the rate of interest."

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

SECTION 1. The provisions of section six of chapter one hundred and sixty of the general laws of 1859, entitled "an act to prescribe and limit the rate of in-

Not to apply to contracts made since April 28, 1866.

terest," shall not apply to any case where the contract was made since the 28th day of April, 1866, and no greater rate of interest than ten per cent. per annum was either directly or indirectly reserved, secured or taken thereby, whether such contracts have been made between individuals, or with banks or other corporations, nor shall any court declare any such contract void, or enjoin any prosecution or relieve from any judgment thereon, or order the same to be canceled and delivered up, except upon the recognized principles of equity jurisprudence.

SECTION 2. So much of any act as conflicts with this act is hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect from and after its publication.

Approved March 3, 1871.

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## CHAPTER 44.

[*Published March 9, 1871.*]

AN ACT to authorize the appointment of a phonographic reporter for the 7th judicial circuit.

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

SECTION 1. The judge of the seventh judicial circuit of the state of Wisconsin is hereby authorized and empowered, as he shall deem advisable, to appoint one or more phonographic reporters in said circuit to act in the several counties comprising said circuit or either of them. May appoint phonographic reporter.

SECTION 2. Such reporter shall attend each circuit court in said counties, when required by the judge thereof, and shall report such matters or proceedings thereof as shall be required by the court. Reporter shall attend court.

SECTION 3. Such reporter shall receive such compensation for each day's service in the court of said counties as shall be fixed from time to time by the judge of said circuit, not to exceed ten dollars per day for each day's actual attendance upon the court by the order of His compensation.