

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 So much of any act as conflicts with this act is hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect from and after its publication.

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CHAPTER 44.

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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.

the judge thereof, which shall be certified to by the judge, and audited and paid by the respective counties aforesaid, in like manner as is provided by law for the payment of the sheriff for attending upon the court: *provided*, that only one reporter shall be employed at the same time, at the same term of court.

Shall furnish copy.

SECTION 4. Such reporter shall within a reasonable time after demand from any person, furnish a copy (to be written out in full) of any matter or proceedings by him so reported, for which copy he shall be entitled to receive, (to be paid in advance if by him so required) ten cents per folio.

Shall take evidence in full.

SECTION 5. Such reporter shall take the evidence in full in all cases referred to him by the court to take the evidence therein, and report the same (written out in full) to the court, and shall receive as a compensation therefor, the sum of fifteen cents per folio, to be taxed and paid as any other costs in the suit, the county under no circumstances to be liable therefor.

Shall take and file oath.

SECTION 6. Such reporter, before entering upon the duties of his office in any court, shall take and subscribe and file with the clerk of the court an official oath obligating himself to fairly and accurately report all matters and proceedings of every kind which he shall be required to report, and that whenever he shall furnish a copy thereof as herein required, he will furnish a true, accurate and correct copy thereof, to the best of his ability, and that he will discharge the duties of such reporter at all times, honestly, fairly, impartially, and to the best of his ability.

Court not to wait for taking evidence.

SECTION 7. Whenever any such reporter as aforesaid shall so take the evidence in any case on the trial thereof, the court shall not wait for the attorney or any other person to take the same.

Reporter to furnish daily copies of evidence.

SECTION 8. On the trial of any cause before a jury, such reporter shall at the opening of the court each morning furnish, if demand therefor is made, at or before the close of court on the day before, a copy written out in full of the evidence taken such previous day, or of the evidence of any particular witness or witnesses taken therein such day: *provided*, that such reporter shall not be required to furnish more than two copies, one to the plaintiff and the other to the defendant therein, and he shall receive as a compensation

therefor, fifteen cents a folio, to be paid in advance, if required by him.

SECTION 9. The judge of said circuit court, at his discretion, may remove any such reporter, and may fill any vacancy that shall occur by reason of removal or otherwise. May be removed by judge.

SECTION 10. It shall be the duty of such reporter, without compensation, when he shall report the evidence or testimony on the trial of any person for murder, to report the same in full, and to write the same out in full, and within two days after the close of the term of court at which such trial shall be had, to deliver the same to the clerk of such court, who shall file the same with the papers in such case; and whenever, on the trial of a murder case, the evidence or testimony shall be so reported, the judge of said court shall not be required to keep minutes of the evidence or testimony, as required by section four (4) of chapter one hundred and eighty-two (182) of the revised statutes, entitled "of pardons:" *provided*, the provisions of this act shall not apply to Adams and Waushara counties. In trials for murder, reporter to furnish report of evidence without compensation.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 3, 1871.

CHAPTER 45.

[Published March 7, 1871.]

AN ACT to amend section 1 of chapter 53 of the general laws of 1858, entitled "an act for the formation and protection of county agricultural societies."

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

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter 53 of the general laws of 1858 is hereby amended by adding to the end of said section, the following words: "any such society shall also have power to agree upon and fix a valuation to the aggregate of its property, and divide such aggregate valuation into equal shares, to issue to its members, respectively, certificates, specifying the Amended