

## CHAPTER 170.

[Published April 3, 1872.]

AN ACT to amend section thirty-five of chapter thirteen of the revised statutes, entitled "of counties and county officers."

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

Amended.

SECTION 1. Section thirty-five of chapter thirteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto an additional clause to stand as subdivision nine of said section, as follows: Subdivision 9. The board of county supervisors may, when not otherwise provided by law, prescribe the form and manner of keeping the public records of the county, or require the keeping of such additional public records in any county office as in their judgment shall be expedient and proper.

May prescribe form.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 25, 1872.

## CHAPTER 171.

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AN ACT concerning the incorporation of religious societies.

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

Shall be deemed to be legally incorporated.

SECTION 1. Every society in this state composed of persons who have united themselves together for the purpose of maintaining as a body corporate, public worship or other religious exercises, which for the term of five years has maintained an actual organization by the election of officers, maintenance of public worship, or such other acts as are usual in conducting the operations of incorporated religious societies in this state, shall be deemed to have been legally incorporated, and shall

have all the rights and powers, and shall be subject to all the liabilities of religious societies duly incorporated under the laws of this state. But any society desirous of obtaining the benefit of this act shall be permitted to do so only upon filing in the office of the register of deeds in the county in which said society is situated, a certificate executed by three officers of said society, in the following form :

STATE OF WISCONSIN, ——— county, ss.

Form of certificate.

A. B. C. D. and E. F., of the county of ———, do hereby certify, that they and each of them are trustees (or other officers) of the ———, a religious society located at ———, in said county ; that during five years immediately preceding the date hereof, the said society has maintained an actual organization, by the support of public worship with ordinary regularity, (or in other manner, stating how), and that such organization has been maintained with the intent to maintain a corporate existence under the laws of this state.

Dated, ———,

A. B.

C. D.

E. F.

Such certificate shall be verified by the officers making the same, before some person authorized to administer oaths, and shall be recorded at length by the register of deeds of said county, in the book in which the certificates of the organization of religious societies are recorded, upon the payment of his fees therefor. Such certificate when so recorded, or the said record, or any duly certified copy of such record shall be received as evidence in all courts in this state, and shall be *prima facie* proof of the facts in said certificate set forth.

How verified and recorded.

Shall be evidence.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 25, 1872.