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CHAPTER 105.

AN ACT relating to the commencement of actions, and amendatory of section 26 of chapter 138 of the revised statutes.

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

SECTION 1. Section twenty-six of chapter 138 of the revised statutes, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "The limitations prescribed in this chapter shall apply to actions brought in the name of the state, or for its benefit, in the same manner as to actions by private parties: *provided*, that this section shall not be so construed as to enable any person to obtain title to any lands, tenements or hereditaments belonging to or owned by the state, by adverse possession, prescription or user." Amended.
Limitations to apply to certain actions.

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

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CHAPTER 106.

AN ACT relating to estates in dower, and amendatory of sections 17, 18 and 19 of chapter 89 of the revised statutes.

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

SECTION 1. Section 17 of chapter 89 of the revised statutes, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: If any such jointure or pecuniary provision be made before marriage and without the assent of the intended wife, or if it be made after marriage, she shall make her election after the death of her husband whether she will take such jointure or pecuniary provision or the share of his estate hereinafter provided. Amended.
Wife to make election after death of husband.

SECTION 2. Section 18 of said chapter 89, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: If any lands be devised to a woman, or other provision be made for her in the will of her husband, she shall make her election whether she will take the lands so devised or the pro- Amended.
When lands devised to wife.

vision so made, or whether she will claim the share of his estate provided in the next section, but she shall not be entitled to both unless it plainly appears by the will to have been so intended by the testator.

Amended.

When widow deemed to have elected to take jointure.

SECTION 3. Section 19 of said chapter 89 is hereby amended so as to read as follows: When a widow shall be entitled to an election under either of the last two preceding sections, she shall be deemed to have elected to take such jointure, devise or other provision, unless within one year after the death of her husband she file in the court having jurisdiction of the settlement of his estate, notice in writing that she elects to take the provision made for her by law, instead of the provision made for her by such jointure or other provision or devise; and upon filing such notice she shall be entitled to the same rights as to dower in his lands, and the same rights as to the homestead as though he had died intestate, and shall in addition thereto be entitled to claim and receive the same share of his personal estate as though he had died intestate; *provided, however,* that nothing herein contained shall entitle any such widow to claim or receive from the estate of her deceased husband in any of the foregoing cases any greater share or part of or interest in his estate than her rights of dower in his lands, her rights to the possession of the homestead during her widowhood, and one-third part of his net personal estate.

Provided.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 107.

AN ACT relating to ward officers of the city of Watertown, and amendatory of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Watertown and the several acts amendatory thereof," approved March 28, 1865, and repealing chapter 237, of the laws of 1875, approved March 5, 1875.

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

Election of aldermen.

SECTION 1. On the second Tuesday of April next (1877), and annually thereafter there shall be elected by the qualified electors of each ward of the city of Watertown two aldermen, whose term of service shall

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