

or deeds, had been taken and had by the proper officers of said county of Wood, and as if said lands during all the time of such proceedings, had been in and a part of said county of Wood.

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

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CHAPTER 138.

AN ACT in relation to the appointments of Notaries Public, and amendatory of chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes, entitled "Of Notaries Public."

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

Amended.

Appointment
of notaries
public.

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes, entitled "Of Notaries Public," is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 1. The governor shall appoint in each organized county of the state one or more notaries public, who must be residents and qualified electors of the county from which they are appointed, who shall be considered state officers, and hold their offices for the term of four years.

Amended.

Requirements
of notaries
before entering
upon duties of
office.

SECTION 2. Section 2 of said chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "Section 2. Every notary public, before he enters upon the duties of his office, shall take and subscribe the oath prescribed by the constitution of this state, and shall give a bond to the governor in the penal sum of five hundred dollars, with sufficient surety, to be approved by the county judge or the clerk of the circuit court of his county, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office. He shall also provide an official seal, which shall make a distinct and legible impression on paper, giving his name, office and county, and shall deposit an impression of the same, together with said oath and bond, in the office of the secretary of state, whereupon the secretary of state shall furnish and deliver to such notary public a certificate of his appointment, stating the date when his commission will expire, which certificate shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of the county where such notary resides, together with his autograph

Secretary of
state to furnish
certificate of
appointment,
which shall be
filed in office of
clerk of court.

and impression of his official seal. The notary public shall, at the time of his appointment, pay into the state treasury the sum of two dollars, which shall be in full for his commission and the certificate of the secretary of state. All certificates heretofore or hereafter made by clerks of courts as to the qualifications of notaries public, based upon the filing of their commissions in his office, previous to the passage of this act, shall be as valid and lawful, and shall have the same effect as though a certificate of the secretary of state together with such notary's autograph and an impression of his notarial seal had been filed with such clerk.

Certificates heretofore issued by clerks of courts legalized.

SECTION 2. It shall hereafter be the duty of the secretary of state to give not less than thirty days' notice by mail to every notary public, of the time when his commission will expire.

Duty of secretary of state to give notice.

SECTION 4. If any person shall, after the first day of May, 1877, knowingly act as a notary public, exercise any authority, or enter upon the discharge of any duty appertaining to such office, without being duly qualified according to law, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall upon conviction be punished by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars.

Penalty for acting as notary without proper authority.

SECTION 5. If any person shall be damaged or injured by the unlawful act, negligence or misconduct of any notary public, the person damaged or injured may maintain a civil action on the bond of such notary public, against such notary public and his sureties, and a recovery in such action shall not be a bar to actions on such bond for any other cause or causes, to the full amount of such bond.

Bond of notary liable for injury done by act of notary.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 139.

AN ACT to provide for the alteration and the discontinuance of portions of the state road from Black River Falls, in Jackson county, to the city of La Crosse, in La Crosse county.

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

SECTION 1. J. A. Johnson, Henry Davis and Frank Wauchter are hereby appointed commissioners to alter

Alteration of state road between Black