CHAPTER 46.

AN ACT to authorize J. T. Mills, late judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, to retain certain books on payment therefor.

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

SECTION 1. Joseph T. Mills, late judge of the Fifth **Authority to retain books.** Judicial Circuit, is hereby authorized to retain and hold as his own, seventeen volumes of Wisconsin reports, now in his possession, that is to say from volume 23 to volume 39, both inclusive, or such of said volumes as he may wish to retain, he first paying into the state treasury the sum of four dollars and fifty cents per volume for each of such volumes that he may choose to retain.

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

Approved February 24, 1877.

CHAPTER 47.

AN ACT relating to the powers and duties of the fish commissioners, and amendatory of sections four (4) and seven (7), of chapter 307, of the general laws of 1876.

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

Amended. SECTION 1. Section four (4) of chapter 307 of the general laws of 1876, is hereby amended by striking out all except the first paragraph, so that said section 4 shall read as follows: So soon as such site is pur- **Commissioners to place, hatching house in care of competent person.** chased and said hatching house is completed, the said commissioners shall have the power to place the care of the same under the superintendence of some practical pisciculturist, who shall be superintendent, and whose duty it shall be, under the direction of such commissioners, to receive and hatch all spawn for the use of the state, and to distribute the same in the public waters thereof, and as equitably as practicable.

Amended. SECTION 2. Section seven, of chapter 307, of the laws of 1876, is hereby amended by striking out the words

"and their accounts shall be audited by the secretary of state," when they occur in the last paragraph of the section, so that said section seven (7), when amended, shall read as follows: The fish interests of the state Board of fish commissioners. shall be entrusted to a board of five commissioners, of whom the gov rnor shall be *ex officio* one member, and the remaining four commissioners shall be hereafter appointed by the governor, and shall hold their place for a term of four years, unless sooner removed, except that of the four first commissioners to be appointed under this act; the term of one shall expire April 1st, 1877; the term of another shall expire April 1st, 1878; of another shall expire April 1st, 1879; and the term of the fourth shall expire April 1st, 1880: *provided, however*, that the present commissioners shall continue to act until their successors are appointed as herein provided. The commissioners shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be repaid the expenses necessarily incurred by them while discharging their duties.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved February 24, 1877.

CHAPTER 48.

AN ACT to submit to the people an amendment to article VII. of the constitution.

WHEREAS, The legislature of this state, at the annual Preamble. session for the year 1876, proposed and adopted by a vote of a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, an amendment to the comstitution of this state, in the following language :

" *Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring*, That section 4 of article VII. of the constitution be amended so as to read : Section four, The supreme court · shall consist of one chief justice and four associate justices, to be elected by the qualified electors of the state. The legislature shall, at its first session after the adoption of this amendment, provide by law for the election of two associate justices of said court, to hold their offices respectively for terms ending two and four years respectively, after the end of the term