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CHAPTER 328.

AN ACT to provide necessary assistance for the supreme court reporter.

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

SECTION 1. The justices of the supreme court are hereby authorized to employ additional help for the supreme court reporter as the same may in their judgment be deemed necessary to secure the prompt publication of the decisions of such court, the expense of such help not to exceed one thousand dollars per year, and to be paid on warrants drawn by the secretary of state on bills audited by the justices.

Judges authorized to employ additional help.

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

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CHAPTER 329.

AN ACT to compel street railway companies to report to the railroad commissioner.

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

SECTION 1. Every person or corporation owning or operating a street railway within the state of Wisconsin shall, on or before the thirty-first day of January in each year make an annual re-

Report, when to be made and where filed.

port to the railroad commissioner of its operations during the year preceding, ending on the thirty-first day of December, which report shall be verified by the affidavit of such person or by a general officer of the corporation and shall in addition be attested by the signatures of at least three of its directors, and such person or corporation shall, within five days after the filing of such annual report with the railroad commissioner, file a certified copy of such report with the city comptroller of any city wherein such street railway is operated, and in case there is no such public official as city comptroller, then such certified copy shall be filed with the city clerk, of said city.

Report, what
to contain.

SECTION 2. Such report shall state in detail as follows: First. The name or names of the person or persons, corporation or corporations, owning said street railway, or any part thereof or leasing the same, specifying the part owned and the part leased. Second. The length of the road in operation, specifying the length of single track and the length of double track, giving the mileage of said road in each city, town or village through which said road may run. Third. The amount of preferred stock outstanding, if any; the amount of common stock outstanding; the amount of its bonded indebtedness; and the amount of all other indebtedness owed by said company. Fourth. The total receipts and disbursements from its railway business separately from its other business, and showing the total amount during the said year charged to construction and the total amount charged to operating expenses. The amount charged to operating expenses shall be sub-divided so as to show the total amounts charged, as follows: first, general expenses; second, legal expenses; third, injuries and damages; fourth, rentals paid; fifth, conducting transportation; sixth, maintenance of way and structures; seventh, maintenance of rolling stock; eighth, for producing power; ninth, amount set aside for depreciation or reserve, if any; tenth, amount expended for miscellaneous purposes.

SECTION 3. In case such street railway company shall do an electric lighting or any other business in connection with street railway business it shall report to the railroad commissioner as provided in section 1 of this act, which report shall show the amount received from such lighting or other business and the operating expenses and other expenses thereof for said year, stated in detail as near as may be to conform to the report required, showing the result of the operation of the railway department of said company.

Provision as to electric lighting companies.

SECTION 4. Said report shall also state the amount paid by such person, persons or company for interest upon its bonds, and any other items of interest paid during the year; also, the amount of dividends paid upon the capital stock of said company if any, and the date of payment thereof.

Interest on bonds to be reported.

SECTION 5. Any person or corporation that fails to file such report shall be liable to a penalty of one hundred dollars per day for each and every day it shall fail or neglect so to file such report.

Penalty.

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

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