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CHAPTER 147.

AN ACT to facilitate the taking of testimony in contested matters or proceedings in county courts.

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

Phonographic reporter, duties of. SECTION 1. The judge of any county court may, whenever the occasion may require, appoint, and remove at pleasure, a phonographic reporter to attend upon the court and take the testimony of any witness, or witnesses, in any contested matter, or proceeding, that may be pending or upon trial in such court. And, whenever he shall deem it necessary, such judge may require such reporter to make and file in such court, a correct typewritten transcript of such testimony. Every person so appointed shall be deemed an officer of the court, and shall discharge such duties as the court or judge thereof shall require, and before entering upon the duties of his office, shall take and subscribe and file in such court the constitutional oath of office.

Compensation, how paid. SECTION 2. The judge of the county court shall certify to the county board of supervisors of his county the number of days, and the number of half days, of actual service performed by such reporter in the performance of said duties, and such reporter shall be allowed by the county such compensation for his services, as such county board shall deem reasonable, not exceeding five dollars for each day, and two dollars and fifty cents for each half day of such service actually rendered by him and as certified by said judge. All claims for such compensation shall be made out and filed, allowed and paid in the manner provided by chapter 36 of the statutes of 1898.

Transcript of testimony. SECTION 3. Such reporter shall furnish to any party interested a correct typewritten transcript, or copy thereof, of the testimony taken by him in any matter or proceeding mentioned in section one, upon being paid therefor at the rate of five cents per folio.

Not to apply, where. SECTION 4. This act shall not apply to, or in, any county court already provided with a phonographic reporter, under existing statutes, or under any law, general or special.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 148.

AN ACT to appropriate to Griffith Bowen, sometimes called Griffith Roberts, the sum of \$1,399.42 which escheated to the state of Wisconsin, August 6th, 1901, for the reason that the said Griffith Roberts to all intents and purposes should be considered as the adopted child of David Bowen and Margaret Bowen, his wife, who died without issue or heirs.

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

Preamble. SECTION 1. Whereas, Griffith Bowen, sometimes called Griffith Roberts, at the age of six years was left an orphan, with other children, and was in the care and custody of an uncle who was unmarried and living in the state of Ohio in the year 1848; that David Bowen and Margaret Bowen his wife, both deceased, were then living in the state of Ohio; that the said David Bowen and Margaret Bowen took the said Griffith Roberts into their care and custody under the implied promise that they would adopt the said Griffith Roberts; that the said David Bowen and Margaret Bowen moved to Waukesha in the state of Wisconsin, where they lived for two years or more, on a farm; that they moved to Nekimi, in Winnebago county, where they resided for a period of sixteen years or more; that they moved to Oshkosh in said county where they both lived until their death; that during the interval between the time they took the care and custody of the said Griffith Roberts and the death of the said David Bowen, they from time to time assured him, in his presence and in the presence of others,