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## CHAPTER 89.

AN ACT to reimburse the normal school fund for certain money lost on a special loan to the Eau Claire light guard company to provide an armory.

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

**\$1,000 appropriated.** SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars to the normal school fund.

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

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## CHAPTER 90.

AN ACT to change the method of selecting grand jurors, and to provide for the attendance of a stenographic reporter at the sessions of grand juries, his oath, and a penalty for the violation thereof, and also amending section 2536 of the statutes of 1898.

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

**Grand jurors, by whom selected.** SECTION 1. All persons hereafter to serve as grand jurors shall be selected by the jury commissioners now authorized by law to select petit jurors.

**List of jurors, how prepared.** SECTION 2. On or before the last Monday of November in each year said commissioners

shall select, from the electors of the county who possess the necessary legal qualifications for jury duty as prescribed in sections 2524 and 2530 of the statutes of 1898, the names of not less than seventy-five nor more than one hundred and fifty persons to serve as grand jurors in the county for the ensuing year, and make a list of the same. Immediately after such grand jury list has been completed said commissioners shall enter the names of the persons composing it upon a suitable record book kept for the purpose and shall certify over their respective signatures that such list is correctly entered and recorded therein and shall thereupon deposit such record book with the clerk of the court of such county who shall securely keep the same so that the grand jury list entered and recorded therein as aforesaid shall not become known. If for any cause such list shall not be made as aforesaid before the last Monday in November in each year said commissioners may make out the same at any time thereafter.

**How drawn.** SECTION 3. Whenever any court or judge thereof shall direct a grand jury to be summoned as provided by section 2545, said commissioners shall write the names of all the persons selected as aforesaid on separate pieces of paper, each in the same manner as nearly as may be, fold the same, so that the name written thereon shall not be visible, and deposit such pieces of paper in a box containing but one compartment. Thereupon said box shall be thoroughly shaken and the names of seventeen persons shall be drawn therefrom, one by one, in the presence of said commissioners and the presiding judge of the court ordering said grand jury to be summoned, by a child under ten years of age theretofore selected for such purpose by such judge, and the seventeen persons whose names are first drawn shall be the grand jury for said term of court. Their names shall forthwith be entered in said record book and two lists thereof shall immediately be certified by said commissioners, one to the judge and the other to the clerk of the court at which such grand jury is required to attend.

**Duty of jurors; deficiency, how filled.** SECTION 4. Such grand jurors so selected shall be summoned to attend the sittings of the court in the same manner as is now provided by law. In case of a deficiency of grand jurors for any cause the court may order to be drawn in the manner aforesaid from the box containing the names of persons selected to serve as grand jurors a sufficient number of names to fill the panel.

**Juror not to serve more than once in three years.** SECTION 5. Said jury commissioners shall not place upon the list of grand jurors, provided for by section 2 of this act, the name of any person who shall have served as a grand juror of said county at any time within three years prior thereto.

**Report progress and return indictments.** SECTION 6. Said grand jury so selected may report progress and return indictments to the court from time to time during its session and until discharged.

**Stenographic reporter; oath; salary; assistant.** SECTION 7. Every grand jury shall have the power in addition to the appointment of one of their own number to be their clerk, as now provided by law, when ordered by the judge ordering such grand jury, to employ a competent stenographic reporter to attend all their sessions and to take down in shorthand a complete report of all proceedings had before them, and such stenographic notes shall, as soon as convenient, be transcribed into longhand by such reporter and deposited with the attorney general or with the district attorney of the county or both as the grand jury may direct. Before assuming the duties herein prescribed such reporter shall make and file an oath faithfully to report and transcribe all the proceedings before such grand jury and to keep inviolate the secrecy required by law to be kept relative to such proceedings. For every violation of such oath the person so acting as reporter shall upon conviction be punished by imprisonment in the state's prison, not less than one, nor more than five years. He shall be paid out of the county treasury of the county in which the service is rendered such sum as shall be audited and allowed by the court ordering said grand jury, not to exceed ten dollars per day for each day actually engaged before the grand jury as such stenographic reporter, and for transcribing his notes the fees now prescribed by law for similar services in courts of record. Such stenographic reporter may at his own expense employ the assistance of a competent typewriter operator in transcribing his notes of the testimony and proceedings of said grand jury, but before entering upon his duties hereunder such typewriter operator shall be required to make and file an oath similar to that required of such reporter, and shall be subject to like penalties for every violation of the provisions of such oath. The accounts of such stenographic reporter shall be approved by the presiding judge of the court ordering said grand jury.

**Words repealed.** SECTION 8. Section 2536 of the statutes of 1898 is hereby amended by striking out the words “grand and” in the seventh line of said section.

**Conflicting laws repealed.** SECTION 9. All provisions of law contravening or inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 91.

AN ACT relating to property exempt from taxation and amendatory of sub-section 2 of section 1038 of the statutes of 1898.

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

**Property exempt; free public library.** SECTION 1. Section 1038, of the statutes for 1898, is hereby amended by inserting in the first line of sub-section 2, after the word “owned” the words “or occupied free of rental, or by any free public library” so that said sub-section, when so amended, shall read as follows:

Section 1038. 2. That owned or occupied free of rental exclusively by any county, city, village, town or school district, or by any free public library, including lands possessed, managed and controlled exclusively for the public use as park lands or grounds by any city or village; but lands purchased by counties at tax sales shall be exempt only in the cases provided in section 1191.

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

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