

ried on business for over twenty-five years, bought and platted grounds and conveyed lots therein during said period and exercised the power of such an association for twenty-five years or more such failure to make, acknowledge or sign the certificate of organization or to record the same in the office of the register of deeds of the proper county shall not affect the validity of the association, nor of its transfers of cemetery property, but the same shall be a body corporate from and after the date of the conveyance to it of any real estate, the same as though a proper certificate had been made, signed, acknowledged and recorded in the office of the register of deeds.

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

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## CHAPTER 128.

AN ACT amending sections 2284 and 2285 of the statutes of 1898 and making valid wills containing beneficial provisions in favor of husband or wife of a subscribing witness by making such provisions void.

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

**Witness to will, or wife or husband of, not to take under it.** SECTION 1. Section 2284 of the statutes of 1898 is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 2284. All beneficial devises, legacies and gifts whatsoever, made or given in any will to a subscribing witness thereto, *or to the husband or wife of a subscribing witness thereto*, shall be wholly void unless there be two other competent witnesses to the same; but a mere charge on the lands of the devisor for the payment of debts shall not prevent his creditors from being competent witnesses to his will.

**When devise to witness or husband or wife of saved.** SECTION 2. Section 2285 of the statutes of 1898 is hereby amended

to read as follows: Section 2285. But if such witness *or the husband or wife of such witness*, to whom any beneficial devise may have been made or given, would have been entitled to any share of the estate of the testator in case the will was not established, then so much of the share that would have descended or been distributed to such witness *or to the husband or wife of such witness* as will not exceed the devise or bequest made to him in the will shall be saved to him, and he may recover the same of the devisees or legatees named in the will, in proportion to and out of the parts devised or bequeathed to them.

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

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## CHAPTER 129.

AN ACT to prohibit influencing of agents, employees or servants.

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

**Influencing of agents, employees or servants prohibited; penalty.** SECTION 1. Whoever corruptly gives, offers or promises to an agent, employee or servant, any gift or gratuity whatever, with intent to influence his action in relation to his principal's, employer's or master's business; or an agent, employee or servant who corruptly requests or accepts a gift or gratuity or a promise to make a gift or to do an act beneficial to himself, under an agreement or with an understanding that he shall act in any particular manner in relation to his principal's, employer's or master's business; or an agent, employee or servant, who, being authorized to procure materials, supplies or other articles either by purchase or contract for his principal, employer or master, or to employ service or labor for his principal, employer or master, receives directly or indirectly, for himself or for another, a commission, discount or bonus from the person who