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CHAPTER 178.

AN ACT to appropriate to the State Historical Society money to reimburse it for certain expenditures made necessary by the inadvertent omissions in chapter 533, laws of 1907.

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

SECTION 1. There is appropriated to the State Historical Society the sum of five thousand dollars out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated to reimburse said society for expenditures for books, periodicals, maps, manuscripts, and kindred articles incurred during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1909, such appropriation being made necessary by the inadvertent omission of the word "annually" in chapter 533 of the laws of 1907.

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

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CHAPTER 179.

AN ACT to create section 2586a of the statutes, prescribing the oath of admission to the bar.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby added to the statutes a new section to read: Section 2586a. Each person admitted to practice as a member of the bar of any court of this state shall subscribe the roll of attorneys to be kept by the clerk and shall in open court take an oath or affirmation of the tenor following, to-wit:

I do solemnly swear:

I will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of Wisconsin;

I will maintain the respect due to courts of justice and judicial officers;

I will not consent or maintain any suit or proceeding which shall appear to me to be unjust, or any defense, except such as I believe to be honestly debatable under the law of the land;

I will employ, for the purpose of maintaining the causes confided to me, such means only as are consistent with truth and honor, and will never seek to mislead the judge or jury by any artifice or false statement of fact or law.

I will maintain the confidence and preserve inviolate the secrets of my client and will accept no compensation in connection with his business except from him or with his knowledge and approval.

I will abstain from all offensive personality and advance no fact prejudicial to the honor or reputation of a party or witness, unless required by the justice of the cause with which I am charged;

I will never reject, from any consideration personal to myself, the cause of the defenseless or oppressed, or delay any man's cause for lucre or malice. So help me God.

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

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CHAPTER 180.

AN ACT to amend section 1797m—77 of the statutes, relating to public utilities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1797m—77 of the statutes is hereby amended to read: Section 1797m—77. Any public utility, being at the time a corporation duly organized under the laws of the state of Wisconsin, operating under an existing license, permit, or franchise shall, upon filing at any time prior to the expiration of such license, permit, or franchise and prior to * * * *January 1, 1911*, with the clerk of the municipality which granted such franchise and with the commission, a written declaration legally executed, that it surrenders such license, permit, or franchise, receive by operation of law in lieu thereof, an indeterminate permit as provided in this act, and such public utility shall hold such permit under all the terms, conditions, and limitations of this act. The filing of such declaration shall be deemed a waiver by such public utility of the right to insist upon the fulfilment of any contract theretofore entered into relating to any rate, charge, or service regulated by this act. *After filing such written declaration with the*