

No. 310, S.]

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CHAPTER 220.

AN ACT to amend section 663a of the statutes, relating to county boards in counties having a population of at least two hundred and fifty thousand.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 663a of the statutes is amended to read: Section 663a. 1. The county board of supervisors in all counties having a population of at least two hundred and fifty thousand, according to the last state or United States census, shall be composed of supervisors chosen from each assembly district within said county. Each assembly district of said county shall be entitled to one supervisor who shall be elected for a term of two years by the electors of said assembly district; said election to be held on the first Tuesday in April, following the passage of this act, and every two years thereafter. *In case of a vacancy in the office of supervisor, by death, resignation, or otherwise, the chairman of the board shall have the power and authority to appoint from among the electors of the assembly district for which said vacancy occurs, a fit and proper person to fill such vacancy until the next general election at which supervisors are chosen, which appointment shall be approved by a majority of the board.*

2. Said supervisors shall perform all the duties now prescribed by law, and each member thereof shall be paid out of the county treasury the sum of eight hundred dollars per annum.

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

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CHAPTER 221.

AN ACT to amend section 4697 of the statutes, relating to the trial of question of insanity.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 4697 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 4697. When any person is indicted or informed against for any offense and such person or counsel in his behalf shall, at the time and before the commencement of the trial, claim or pretend that such person, at the time of the commission of such

alleged offense, was insane and for that reason not responsible for his acts, the court shall order a special plea, setting up and alleging such insanity, to be filed on his behalf with the plea of not guilty; and the special issue thereby made shall * * * be tried * * * *and determined by the jury with the plea of not guilty*; and if such jury shall find upon such special issue that such accused person was so insane or that there is reasonable doubt of his sanity at the time of the commission of such alleged offense, they shall * * * *return a verdict of not guilty because insane*. The presumption of such accused person's sanity, at the time of the commission of such alleged offense, shall prevail and be sufficient proof thereof on the trial of such special issue, * * *, unless the evidence produced on such trial shall create in the minds of the jury a reasonable doubt of the sanity of such accused person at the time of the commission of such alleged offense. *If the defendant shall be found by the jury "not guilty because insane," he shall forthwith be committed by the court to one of the state hospitals for the insane there to be detained and treated until he shall be discharged according to law. A re-examination of his sanity may be had as in the case of other patients, but no such person so committed shall be discharged from detention unless the magistrate or the jury upon whom devolves the duty to pass upon his sanity shall in addition to finding him sane also find that he is not likely to have such a recurrence of insanity as would result in acts which, but for insanity, would constitute crimes.*

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

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CHAPTER 222.

AN ACT to amend section 2203 of the statutes, relating to conveyances.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2203 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 2203. Conveyances of land or any estate or interest therein may be made by deed signed and sealed by the person from whom the estate or interest is intended to pass, being of lawful age, or by his lawful agent or attorney, and acknowledged or proved as directed in this chapter, without any other act or ceremony whatever; but no mortgage or other alienation by a