

the time of such protest, was a stockholder, director, officer or employe of the bank to which such bill, draft, check or other negotiable instrument was presented for acceptance or payment shall be declared to have been illegally protested because the notary public making the protest was, at the time of making such protest, a stockholder, director, officer or employe of the bank to which such bill, draft, check or other negotiable instrument was presented for acceptance or payment.

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

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CHAPTER 580.

AN ACT to amend section 2400 of the statutes, relating to compensation of stenographers rendering assistance to justices of the supreme court.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2400 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 2400. (a) Each justice of the supreme court may appoint a stenographer and copyist to render such assistance in the performance of his duty as may be required, and may remove the person so appointed at pleasure and appoint another in the place of the one so removed.

(b) Each justice shall certify such appointment to the secretary of state, with the date of the commencement of such service, and shall also notify him of the termination of the service.

(c) The compensation of each such appointee shall be fixed by the justice appointing him, but shall not exceed one hundred *twenty-five* dollars per month. Such justices may appoint a messenger for said court at a compensation of seventy-five dollars per month.

(d) The chief justice or one of said justices shall certify the appointment of such messenger to the secretary of state, with the date of the commencement of such a service, and shall also notify him of the termination of such service.

(e) The compensation of such stenographers and copyists and messenger shall be paid on warrants drawn by the secretary of state. The trustees of the state library may appoint one or more janitors for service in and about the library and rooms of the justices of the supreme court, and fix his or their compensation. Such appointments and the compensation fixed shall be certified

to the secretary of state by the chief justice and paid as aforesaid.

SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated a sum sufficient to carry out the provisions of this act.

(Am. 1911, c. 664, s. 128.)

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

(Am. 1911, c. 664, s. 128.)

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CHAPTER 581.

AN ACT to create section 1968f of the statutes, relating to the attendance of witnesses and the taking of testimony in proceedings before the commissioner of insurance, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes a new section to read: Section 1968f. 1. The commissioner of insurance shall have power to administer oaths and to require and compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of papers, books, accounts, documents, records, and other testimony, in any investigation, examination, action, or proceeding which he is authorized to make, hear, or determine. The commissioner or any party may, in any such investigation, examination, action, or proceeding, cause the depositions of witnesses residing within or without the state to be taken in the manner prescribed by law for like depositions in civil actions in circuit court.

2. The provisions of section 1797—13 shall apply to any case of disobedience on the part of any person or persons to comply with any order of the commissioner or any subpoena, or on the refusal of any such witness to testify in such case.

3. The commissioner shall also have power to employ such stenographic assistance as necessary for the taking and preservation of such testimony.

4. The same fees shall be paid for the service of such process and for the travel and attendance of such witnesses and for the taking of such depositions as provided by statute for civil cases in the circuit court, and the fees for stenographic service shall not exceed the sum so provided for such services in the circuit court. Payment thereof shall be made out of the state treasury upon the warrant of the secretary of state authorized by the certificate of the commissioner of insurance.