

sions of section 553 l—1, in having hired an assistant for less than the minimum wage therein provided.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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### CHAPTER 400.

AN ACT to amend section 882 of the statutes, relating to the compensation of assessors in villages.

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

SECTION 1. Section 882 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 882. In all villages, under either general or special law, the assessor shall take and subscribe the oath of office required of town assessors. He shall begin on the first day of May, or as soon thereafter as practicable, to make an assessment of all the property in his village liable to taxation on that day, in the manner prescribed by law. He shall return his assessment roll to the village clerk at the same time and in the same manner in which town assessors are required to do. His compensation shall be fixed by the village board at a sum not \* \* \* less than three dollars per day, except in counties having a population of one hundred and fifty thousand or more, in which his compensation shall be fixed by the village board at a sum not exceeding five dollars per day. Any vacancy in the office of assessor may be filled by the village board for the residue of the unexpired term only.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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### CHAPTER 401.

AN ACT to detach certain territory from the town of Dewey, Rusk county, to create the town of Big Falls, to provide for town meetings and for a settlement between said towns.

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

SECTION 1. Township thirty-six north, range five west, heretofore constituting a part of the town of Dewey in Rusk county, state of Wisconsin, is hereby detached from the said town of

Dewey and created and constituted a separate town to be known and designated as the town of Big Falls.

SECTION 2. On the first Tuesday of April, A. D. 1916, the qualified electors of the said town of Big Falls shall meet at Mitchell's place located on section twenty-four, of township thirty-six north, range five west, and shall, by ballot, elect town officers for their town. For the purpose of such election, the qualified electors of such town, assembled at the place aforesaid, shall, between the hours of nine and eleven o'clock in the forenoon of said day, choose three of their number to act as inspectors and one as clerk, and such electors shall, before entering upon their duties as said officers, take and subscribe the usual oath of office, and file the same with their return. The inspectors shall canvass and return the votes cast at such election in all respects as provided by law for inspectors at annual town meetings. The qualified electors of such town so assembled may vote for all officers to be chosen on said day, and the votes cast for such officers shall be counted, canvassed and returned in the same manner and shall have the same effect as in other annual town meetings; and said electors so assembled shall have full power to make all provisions for the government of such town as are now authorized by statute to be exercised and made at the annual town meeting of any town.

SECTION 3. Notice of such meeting shall be given by the posting of a copy of this act in at least five public places in said town, at least five days before the time of holding such meeting, which notice may be posted in such town by any qualified elector thereof, who shall make a proper affidavit of such posting, and file the same on the day of said town meeting, with the inspectors chosen at such town meeting to conduct the same.

SECTION 4. When such election shall have been held as herein provided, and the town officers required by law elected, and such officers have duly qualified, as required by law, the said town of Big Falls shall be deemed to be duly organized, and shall possess all the rights, powers and liabilities of other towns in this state.

SECTION 5. The assets and liabilities of the said towns of Dewey and Big Falls shall be proportioned between and to such towns of Dewey and Big Falls according to the provisions of section 672 of the statutes, and the liability, if any, so proportioned and the credits and assets, if any, so proportioned, shall be paid according to said section 672 of the statutes.

SECTION 6. On the first day of May, 1916, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the town boards of the said towns of Dewey and

Big Falls shall meet at the Tony Opera House in the village of Tony for the purpose of making a settlement between the said towns according to the provisions of this act; and at such meeting or at any subsequent or adjourned meeting held by said town boards, any three of the supervisors shall have full power and authority to send for any persons, books, papers and records necessarily involved in the settlement between said two towns. The town clerk of the town of Dewey shall be and act as clerk of such joint meeting, and the town clerk of the town of Big Falls shall be present and assist. Sufficient duplicates or copies of all proceedings had shall be made in order that each town may have at least one copy for the use and information of the town clerk and town board thereof. Each town shall be chargeable with the expense and for the services and per diem of its own officers only.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 402.

AN ACT to repeal sections 604s, 604t, 697—45, 697—46, 697—47, 697—48 and 697—49 of the statutes, and to create sections 697—45, 697—46, 697—47, 697—48, 697—49 and 697—49b of the statutes, to provide for a board of administration in counties of two hundred and fifty thousand inhabitants or more to manage and control the county almshouse, the hospital for destitute sick persons, the poor farm, county water-works, department for outdoor relief, hospital for insane, asylum for chronic insane, home for dependent children, and the school of agriculture and domestic science; and providing a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 604s, 604t, 697—45, 697—46, 697—47, 697—48 and 697—49 of the statutes are repealed.

SECTION 2. There are added to the statutes six new sections to be numbered and to read: Section 697—45. In all counties of this state now having, or which may hereafter have, according to any census theretofore taken, a population of two hundred and fifty thousand or more inhabitants, wherein the county board of supervisors shall have abolished all distinction between county poor and town poor in such county, and shall