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CHAPTER 55

AN ACT to repeal subsection 7 of section 1956, and to amend subsection 5 of section 1956 of the statutes, relating to effect of compensation by fraternal or mutual benefit societies for procuring new members.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection 7 of section 1956 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 2. Subsection 5 of section 1956 of the statutes is amended to read: (Subsection 5) But, (a) any such * * * order or society which, (1) has more than five hundred members, (2) and provides for death or disability benefits; (b) and any such * * * lodge, order, or society which issues to any person a certificate providing for the payment of benefits; shall not be exempt by the provisions of this section, but shall comply with all the requirements of the law relating to fraternal benefit societies.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 56

AN ACT to amend section 4253 of the statutes, relating to the survival of actions.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4253 is amended to read: Section 4253. In addition to the actions which survive at common law the following shall also survive: Actions for the recovery of personal property or the unlawful withholding or conversion thereof, *for the recovery of the possession of real estate and for the unlawful withholding of the possession thereof*, for assault and battery, false imprisonment or other damage to the person, for all damage done to the property rights or interests of another, for goods taken and carried away, for damages done to real or personal estate, equitable actions to set aside conveyances of real estate, to compel a reconveyance thereof, or to quiet the title thereto, and for a specific performance of contracts relating to

real estate; *provided this act shall have no application to pending litigation.*

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

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CHAPTER 57

AN ACT to amend sections 1 and 3, to repeal section 7, to create a new section to be numbered section 7 and to amend section 10 and subsections 1, 3 and 5 of section 16 of chapter 339, laws of 1915, relating to the jurisdiction of the county court of Iowa county.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 1 and 3 of chapter 339, laws of 1915, are amended to read: Section 1. There is hereby conferred on the county court of Iowa county, jurisdiction * * * of the following actions, matters and proceedings, to wit:

1. *The said county court shall have and exercise jurisdiction concurrent with and equal with the jurisdiction of the circuit court in said county in all civil actions, suits and proceedings, either at law or in equity, of every kind and nature, and in all special proceedings of every kind and nature, except in actions at law on contract where the debt, or balance due, or damages claimed in the complaint exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars.*

2. *The said county court shall also have and exercise jurisdiction in all bastardy actions and in all criminal cases except murder, manslaughter, and homicide; * * *. Subject to the exceptions aforesaid the said county court shall be a court of general jurisdiction, with the same power and jurisdiction * * * to issue writs and processes, of every nature and kind, and to hear, try and determine all civil and criminal suits, actions and proceedings, * * * of every nature and kind, as have been heretofore, are now, or may hereafter be conferred by the constitution or statutes of this state upon the circuit courts, * * * of the state.*

SECTION 3. Appeals from judgments of *police justices, municipal judges and justices of peace* in said county in all civil actions, may hereafter be taken either to the circuit court or county court of said county at the option of the appellant, and if taken to said county court such appeal shall be tried and