

tion exceeding sixty-five thousand, according to the last census, where the number may be increased to ten. In each county constituting an entire judicial circuit with two or more branches each circuit judge shall appoint one, and if the proper conduct of business requires it, two court commissioners. Each court commissioner shall hold office during the term of office of the judge who appointed him, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, unless sooner removed by the court or judge appointing him, and, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall take and subscribe the constitutional oath of office and file the same duly certified, together with his appointment, in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of the county in which he resides. Any woman authorized to practice as an attorney of any court of record, may be appointed and act as a court commissioner. *In addition to the number of circuit court commissioners now provided for by law in the different judicial circuits of the state, there is hereby appointed a circuit court commissioner, for life, any person who shall have served as a judge of any of the courts of record of this state, for a continuous period of fifteen years or more, and who shall have reached the age of sixty-five years; and any such person so appointed circuit court commissioner, upon subscribing the constitutional oath of office, and filing the same duly certified with the clerk of the court of the county in which he resides, shall be duly qualified to act as a circuit court commissioner, under the statutes, with all the rights, powers and duties of circuit court commissioners under the statutes.*

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

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## CHAPTER 604

AN ACT relating to the joint committee of the legislature appointed to investigate the subject of "Social Insurance," and making an appropriation and providing a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. The committee of the legislature appointed under the provisions of such joint resolution is hereby authorized and empowered to do all things and perform all acts necessary and convenient to carry out the provisions of such resolution and of this act, and such authorization and power on the part of said committee shall continue after the adjournment of this legis-

lature and until such time as the said committee shall have fully discharged the duties imposed upon it by said resolution. The said committee shall and is hereby directed and authorized to thoroughly investigate the subject of "Social Insurance," with the end in view of determining the necessity therefor, the wisdom thereof, and the most feasible and practical method of accomplishing the sought for ends, if the committee shall determine that legislation is justified—it being the intent and the purpose of the legislature in the creation of said committee to investigate the subject and determine the policy of the state from the standpoint of conditions in Wisconsin. The said committee is further directed to report its findings to the governor and the members of the next regular session of the legislature as specified in said resolution. The mention of any line of inquiry herein or in said resolution shall not in any way limit the field of investigation which the said committee is empowered to enter upon and which it shall deem necessary or expedient in connection with a thorough investigation of the subject matter assigned to it.

SECTION 2. The said committee is hereby vested with plenary power to perform and discharge the duties imposed upon it by said resolution and by the provisions of this act. Each member of said committee shall have power to administer oaths to persons appearing before such committee.

SECTION 3. The said committee shall have power to employ such stenographers, clerks, assistants, and experts as it may deem necessary and expedient for the proper discharge of the duties hereby assigned to it, and to fix the compensation of such persons as it may employ.

SECTION 4. The committee is hereby authorized to hold such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem most expedient, and said committee may by subpoena issued over the signature of the chairman or acting chairman of said committee and served in the manner in which circuit court subpoenas are served, examine and compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers, documents, and records deemed necessary or convenient to be examined or used by it in the course of its investigation.

SECTION 5. If any witness subpoenaed to appear before said committee shall refuse to appear or to answer inquiries propounded, or shall fail or refuse to produce books, documents, papers, and records within his possession or control when the same are demanded by the committee, such committee shall report the facts to the circuit court of the county in which such examination is being conducted, and it shall be the duty of such court to

compel obedience to such subpoena by attachment proceedings for contempt, as in the case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from such court or a refusal to testify therein.

SECTION 6. The said committee is authorized to print and send to each member or member-elect of the next regular session of the legislature, at least thirty days before the convening of such session, a copy of the findings and recommendations of such committee, together with any bill or bills that may be framed by it.

SECTION 7. Each member of the said committee shall be reimbursed by the state for his actual and necessary expenses, but shall receive no compensation for time devoted to the work of such committee.

SECTION 8. There is appropriated from the general fund not to exceed five thousand dollars to carry out the provisions of this act and the said joint resolution. All bills for the expenses of such committee, including witness fees, the compensation of stenographers, clerks, assistants, and experts employed by such committee, shall be approved by the committee and certified by the chairman thereof to the governor and the secretary of state, who shall audit the same, and such secretary shall issue his warrant therefor upon the state treasurer.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 605

AN ACT to create section 1347b—1 of the statutes, relating to width of sleighs, and providing a penalty.

*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 1347b—1. 1. On and after the first day of January, 1919, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation in this state to sell any new or first hand draft sleigh, No. 5 and upwards, manufactured after said date, to any person or persons residing in this state for use herein, unless the runners of such sleigh shall measure from center to center four feet and six inches. And on and after such date it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to use upon any of the public highways of this state any such sleigh, purchased at first hand after said