

No. 696, A.]

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**CHAPTER 615**

AN ACT to validate ballots cast at elections heretofore held.  
*The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. All ballots cast at any election heretofore held in any election precinct in this state pursuant to section 1565a of the statutes, which ballots in form and otherwise complied with all requirements of law, except that the names or initials of the ballot clerks were not written upon the back thereof and no blank spaces were provided upon the back of such ballots for such signatures or initials, are hereby validated and declared to be effective to the same extent as though the names or initials of the ballot clerks were written upon the back thereof in proper spaces provided therefor. This act shall not apply to any pending litigation.

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

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**CHAPTER 616**

AN ACT to amend section 4415 of the statutes, relating to the crime of larceny and punishment thereof.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4415 of the statutes is amended to read:  
Section 4415. Any person, who shall commit the crime of larceny by stealing the property of another, and money, goods or chattels, or any bank note, bond, promissory note, bill of exchange, order, certificate, book of account, conveyance of real estate, bill of sale, mortgage, valuable contract, receipt, release, defeasance, railroad passenger ticket, ticket of admission to any place, any writ, process, public record, or any instrument in writing whereby any demand, right, or obligation is created, increased, diminished or extinguished, or who shall wrongfully divert, and apply to his own use or wrongfully deprive the owner of any gas, water, steam or electricity, or any personal property whatever, if the value thereof shall exceed twenty-five thousand dollars, he shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison not more than twenty-five years nor less than ten years; if the value thereof shall be less than twenty-five thou-

sand dollars and more than ten thousand dollars, he shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison not more than twenty years nor less than five years; if the value thereof shall be less than ten thousand dollars and more than one thousand dollars he shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison not more than ten years nor less than one year; if the value thereof shall exceed one hundred dollars, shall, unless it be otherwise provided in these statutes as to some particular offense, be punished by imprisonment in the state prison not more than five years nor less than one year, *or in the county jail not more than one year, or by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars*; and if the value thereof shall not exceed one hundred dollars and shall exceed twenty dollars, he shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison or county jail not more than one year nor less than six months or by fine not exceeding two hundred dollars; and if the value thereof shall not exceed twenty dollars he shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not more than six months or by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars; and the value of a railroad ticket shall be the price for which it is authorized to be sold to passengers by the company for which it is sold; and the value of such gas, water, steam or electricity shall be the regular current price therefor charged to the consumer by the seller thereof. Whoever being a bailee of any chattel, money or valuable security shall fraudulently take or fraudulently convert the same to his own use or the use of any person other than the owner thereof, although he shall not break bulk or otherwise determine the bailment, shall be guilty of larceny, and may be convicted thereof on an indictment or information for larceny, and upon such conviction be punished as hereinbefore prescribed.

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

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