

CHAPTER 495

AN ACT to repeal section 17; and to amend sections 16 and 25, all of chapter 174, laws of 1951, relating to juries and the compensation of reporters pertaining to the additional jurisdiction of the county court of Polk county.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 16 of chapter 174, laws of 1951, is amended to read:

(Chapter 174, laws of 1951) SECTION 16. After issue is joined in any civil action or proceeding, the case shall be noticed for trial and placed on the calendar of the court for each term thereof in the same manner as civil actions and proceedings are noticed for trial and placed on the calendar for the circuit court. Upon the opening of the term of court, each case shall be set for trial on a day certain and if the case be one triable by a jury, the court shall require the parties to determine and elect whether they wish a trial by jury, and if a jury is elected, of what number; and if a trial by jury is demanded by either party to the action * * * the court * * * shall issue a venire * * * for the 24 jurors drawn for service under section 15, returnable at the time fixed for the trial of the action; provided, that the issues of fact joined upon any complaint, indictment or information may be tried by the court without a jury or by a jury of less than 12 men whenever the accused in writing or by statement in open court entered in the minutes consents thereto. *Jurors shall be exempted and excused from jury duty as in the circuit court. Of the jurors remaining and in court pursuant to the venire, the court on the voir dire examination shall excuse those disqualified on challenge for cause and thereafter each party may exercise peremptory challenges, the district attorney or plaintiff beginning until there remains the desired number for the jury. The parties to a cause shall be as provided in section 270.18 of the statutes.*

SECTION 2. Section 17 of chapter 174, laws of 1951, is repealed.

SECTION 3. Section 25 of chapter 174, laws of 1951, is amended to read:

(Chapter 174, laws of 1951) SECTION 25. The judge of said county court may, from time to time, employ a phonographic reporter for said court, who shall take and subscribe the oath of office provided in the constitution. Such phonographic reporter shall be furnished with all necessary stationery, and shall attend when required by said judge and report the proceedings of trials had in said court and perform such other duties as said judge shall require. * * * *The county board shall fix the compensation of such reporter * * *, which shall be in full compensation for services and for making such transcripts from shorthand notes as may be required by said judge. Said reporter shall furnish parties to the action or their attorneys requiring them, like transcripts * * * and * * * carbon copies thereof * * * and be paid therefor the same rate as provided for the circuit court reporter for Polk county.*

Approved July 22, 1955.