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**CHAPTER 83**

AN ACT to amend 261.02; and to create 261.021 of the statutes, relating to requirement that divorce actions and actions for the annulment and affirmance of marriage be commenced in county where either party resides, and validating certain divorces and annulments and affirmances of marriages.

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

SECTION 1. 261.02 of the statutes is amended to read:

261.02 The county designated in the complaint shall be the place of trial, unless the same be changed as provided in this chapter, except that every action named in s. 261.01 (1) can be commenced only in the county in which the property or some part thereof is situated and that every action named in s. 261.01 (3) can be commenced only in the county in which either party resides \* \* \* .

SECTION 2. 261.021 of the statutes is created to read:

261.021 VALIDATION OF CERTAIN DIVORCES AND ANNULMENTS AND AFFIRMANCES OF MARRIAGES. All divorces granted in this state and all judgments granted in this state annulling or affirming marriages based on actions commenced between July 14, 1947 and the effective date of this section (1955), which when granted complied with the requirements of s. 261.02 as to place of trial and are otherwise valid, are hereby declared to be valid even though the actions on which they are based were not commenced in the county designated in s. 261.01 (3).

Approved May 6, 1955.