

CHAPTER 5.

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AN ACT relative to proving the records, judicial proceedings and minutes thereof of foreign countries.

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

SECTION 1. The records and judicial proceedings or the minutes thereof, of any court of any foreign country, shall be admissible in evidence in all cases in this state, and shall be proved in the same manner and with like authentication as are the records, judicial proceedings or minutes thereof of any court of any state or territory of the United States, and when a transcript or copy of such records and judicial proceedings, or the minutes thereof of any foreign court, so authenticated as aforesaid, shall be offered in evidence in any case in this state, no evidence shall in the first instance be required that the seal attached to said copy or transcript, and purporting to be the seal of such foreign court is the seal of such court, or that the signatures of the certifying and authenticating officers are genuine, further than is required in like cases in proving the records and judicial proceedings or minutes thereof of any court of any state or territory of the United States: *provided*, that records and minutes authenticated as aforesaid, shall be *prima facie* evidence only of the contents thereof.

Records of foreign country to be admissible in evidence.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage and publication.

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