

manner now provided by law for the submission of proposed amendments at the next general election in November, 1902.

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

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## CHAPTER 259.

AN ACT defining the liabilities of employes of telegraph and messenger companies.

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

**Penalty for divulging message or forging receipt.** SECTION 1. Any person connected with a telegraph or messenger company, incorporated or unincorporated, operating a line of telegraph or engaged in the business of receiving and delivering messages in this state, in any capacity, who wilfully divulges the contents, or the nature of the contents of a private communication entrusted to him for transmission or delivery, or who wilfully refuses or neglects to transmit or deliver the same, or who wilfully forges the name of the intended receiver to a receipt for any such message or communication or article of value entrusted to him by said company, shall be imprisoned in the county jail, not exceeding one year, or to be fined not to exceed five hundred dollars, in the discretion of the court.

**Companies to post copy of act.** SECTION 2. All telegraph or messenger companies whose employes are affected by this act are hereby required to post, in their offices in this state, a copy of this act, under a penalty of ten dollars and costs for each and every offense.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force, from and after its passage and publication.

Approved May 2, 1901.