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CHAPTER 206.

AN ACT to amend 19.01 (1), 256.02 (1), 370.01 (37) and to create 19.01 (1m) of the statutes, relating to official oaths.

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

SECTION 1. 19.01 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

19.01 (1) Every official oath required by section 28 of Article IV of the constitution or by any statute shall be in writing, subscribed, sworn to, and except as provided otherwise by sections 256.02 and 256.29, shall be in substantially the following form:

STATE OF WISCONSIN, } ss.
County of..... }

I, the undersigned, who * * * have been elected (or appointed) to the office of but * * * have not yet entered upon the duties thereof, * * * swear (or * * * affirm) that * * * I will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of Wisconsin, and will faithfully discharge the duties of said office to the best of * * * my ability. *So help me God.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of, 19....
.....
(Signature)

SECTION 2. 19.01 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

19.01 (1m) FORM OF ORAL OATH. If it is desired to administer the official oath orally in addition to the written oath prescribed above, it shall be in substantially the following form:

I,, swear (or affirm) that I will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of Wisconsin, and will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the office of to the best of my ability. *So help me God.*

SECTION 3. 256.02 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

256.02 (1) Every person elected or appointed justice of the supreme court, or judge of the circuit court, or judge of a county court, or judge of a superior or municipal court, of judge of the district court or civil court of Milwaukee county, or judge of any other court of record, or justice of the peace, shall take, subscribe, and file the following oath:

STATE OF WISCONSIN, } ss.
County of..... }

I, the undersigned, who have been elected (or appointed) to the office of but have not yet entered upon the duties thereof, do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of Wisconsin; that I will administer justice without respect to persons and will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of said office to the best of my ability. *So help me God.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of, 19....
.....
(Signature)

SECTION 4. 370.01 (37) of the statutes is amended to read:

370.01 (37) OATH. When any oath or affirmation is required to be taken by any person it imports that such oath or affirmation shall be taken before and administered by some

officer authorized by the laws of this state to administer oaths, at the place where the same is required to be taken or administered, unless otherwise expressly directed, and, when necessary, duly certified by such officer, *and if an oath is administered it shall end with the words "so help me God"*.

Approved May 4, 1951.