

SEC. 3. The presiding officer of each house of the legislature, shall each appoint two messengers, who shall each be entitled to receive one dollar and fifty cents, for every days attendance during the session.

SEC. 4. All the foregoing persons shall perform such services as may be required by the respective houses of the legislature to which they belong.

SEC. 5. A sum sufficient is hereby annually appropriated, to be paid out of the state treasury, upon the certificate of the presiding officer of the house to which the person entitled to it belongs.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first Monday of January, A. D., 1854.

Approved, July 13, 1853.

An Act authorizing certain [persons] elected to the office of Justice of the Peace, to qualify and take the oath of office.

Chap. 109

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. In all cases where any persons has been or shall be duly and properly elected to the office of justice of the peace, but has failed to qualify by taking the oath of office and giving the security as provided, by and within the time prescribed by law, on account of necessary absence from the county wherein he was so elected, or on account of his being sick, the person so elected may qualify as such justice of the peace, at any time within six months from the time of his being so elected; in case the vacancy occasioned by a failure to qualify within the time by law prescribed therefor as aforesaid, shall not have been within such six months filled as by law provided, and that such persons shall in addition to the other requirements, at the time of his so taking the oath of office, take and subscribe an oath that he did not qualify within the time by law prescribed, for the reason that he was sick or absent from the said county, as herein before provided.

SEC. 2. The person who shall qualify as herein before provided, may thereupon enter upon the duties and exercise the functions of the office of justice of the peace, during the term for which he was elected, with the like force and effect as he might or could have done had he qualified as provided by law, had this act not been passed.

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

Approved, July 13, 1853.

An Act establishing the salaries of the Chief Clerks of the Senate and Assembly. Chap. 110

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There shall be allowed to the chief clerk Salary. of the senate and assembly each, an annual salary of one thousand five hundred dollars, to be paid to each of the said officers, in lieu of all compensation and perquisites, and each clerk from his salary, shall provide his own assistants and clerks, and perform all the duties usually required of all the clerks of both houses of the legislature, without any further compensation or allowance to any other person or clerk whatever.

SEC. 2. The sum of one hundred dollars shall annually Indexing. be allowed to each clerk, for preparing indexes and superintending the publication of the journals and documents of the two houses, to be paid when such work is performed and approved of by the secretary of state.

SEC. 3. Each of the said chief clerks shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, execute a bond running to the treasurer of the state of Wisconsin, in the penal sum of ten thousand dollars, with two sureties, who shall severally justify that they are worth the said sum of five thousand dollars, over and above all debts and liabilities; said bond shall be approved by the presiding officer of the senate or assembly, as the case may be, and filed in the office of the secretary of state. The conditions of such bond shall be, that the said chief clerk shall faithfully and honestly perform all the duties required by this act or any other law of this State, relating to said office, promptly and without fraud or delay. Clerks to give bonds.

SEC. 4. The salaries of the said chief clerks, shall be How salaries paid at such times and in such portions during the session, paid. as the respective houses may direct, a resolution of which signed by the president of the senate or speaker of the assembly, as the case may be, shall be a sufficient voucher for the state treasurer to pay the same.

SEC. 5. The sum of three thousand and two hundred dollars, is hereby annually appropriated, to meet the ob-