

Chap. 60.

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AN ACT to increase the jurisdiction of the Milwaukee County Court.

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

Jurisdiction how increased. § 1. The county court of Milwaukee county, in addition to the powers and jurisdiction conferred on the county courts by chap. eighty-six of the revised statutes, shall have and exercise powers and jurisdiction within said county equal to and commensurate with the court of said county of Milwaukee in all civil cases where the amount in controversy shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars: *Provided, however,* that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to confer equity or criminal jurisdiction upon said court.

Proviso.

Parties have same right to writs of error.

§ 2. Parties to causes, shall have the same rights to writs of error from said county court to the supreme court as is now allowed by law from the circuit courts of this state.

Petit jurors.

§ 3. A panel of petit jurors for each term of said court shall be drawn in the same manner as now is or hereafter shall be provided by law for the circuit court of the said county, and the persons serving on such panels of petit jurors shall be paid at the same rate and in the same manner as is now or hereafter shall be provided by law for the payment of petit jurors in the said circuit court of Milwaukee county; and jurors for the trial of issues shall be drawn, empaneled and sworn in the same manner as in the circuit courts of this state, and the said county court shall have, exercise, and use the same process for summoning such petit jurors as is now or may hereafter by law be used by the circuit court of this state.

§ 4. The fees and compensation of the judge of said county court shall be as provided for judges of county courts in chapter one hundred and thirty-one of the revised statutes, except, that for all services in a cause wherein judgment is confessed by defendant, or cause disposed of without a trial on the merits on return of process, he shall receive two dollars; for all services on the trial of a cause without a jury, including the rendition of a judgment three dollars; for all services on the trial of a cause with a jury, including receiving and entering verdict and rendering judgment, or if the jury be discharged and a new trial ordered or a cause otherwise disposed of, three dollars and fifty cents for hearing. Fees of judge.

§ 5. The terms of said court shall be the same as now provided by law for the present county court of Milwaukee county: *Provided, however*, that there shall not be to exceed four regular terms for jury trials in each year, and they may be held in such months in the year as shall be designated from time to time by the judge thereof. *Provided further*, that no jury term of said court shall be held while the circuit court of said county is in session for jury trials. Terms of court.

§ 6. The judge of said court shall have the same power to hold special or adjourned terms of his court as is now or hereafter may be conferred upon the circuit court of Milwaukee county. And the said county court shall have the same power to issue special venires and to summon talesman to serve upon juries therein as is now or hereafter may be conferred upon the said circuit court of Milwaukee county. May hold special or adjourned terms.

§ 7. All acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

§ 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication.

Approved, March 30, 1854.