

CHAPTER 37.

[Published April 3, 1872.]

AN ACT to exempt certain property therein named from attachment or sale on execution.

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

SECTION 1. All books, maps, plats and other papers kept or used by any person or persons of this state, for the purpose of making abstracts of title to land, shall hereafter be exempt from attachment or execution: *provided*, that when the net receipts, earnings or profits of the owner or owners of such abstracts of title derived from the use thereof, or labor in connection therewith, over and above the expenses of maintaining such abstracts of title, and the disbursements for such use and labor shall exceed one thousand dollars per annum, such excess shall be subject to the claims of creditors.

Abstract books,
exempt.

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

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CHAPTER 38.

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AN ACT to amend chapter 170 of the general laws of 1867, entitled "an act to facilitate the recovery of judgments."

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

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter one hundred and seventy of the general laws of 1867, entitled "an act to facilitate the recovery of judgments," is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 1. In all civil actions now pending, or which shall hereafter be commenced in any circuit court in any of the judicial

Amended.

May hear testimony upon notice without issue joined.

circuits in this state, in which the time allowed by law therefor has expired or shall expire without any issue either of law or of fact having been or being joined therein, it shall be lawful for the judge of said court, upon the application and motion of the plaintiff in such action, upon such notice to the adverse party as is now required by law in cases where notice of application for judgment is required, and without notice to the adverse party in cases where by law no notice is now required, to hear the testimony and proofs offered in such actions, and to sign a judgment or decree therein at any general or special term of court in his circuit, and the judgment or decree in any action so signed, together with the proofs and testimony taken therein, shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the court in which such action shall be pending, and such judgment shall have the same effect, and be enforced as if the same had been signed during a regular term of said court.

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

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CHAPTER 39.

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AN ACT to provide for the erection and construction of an iron and stone fence to enclose the grounds of the state capitol.

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

Appointed commissioner to let contract.

SECTION 1. The governor is hereby appointed a commissioner to procure the erection and construction of an iron and stone fence to enclose the grounds of the state capitol, and he is authorized to let the same by contract to the lowest responsible bidder. The contract shall require the completion of the same on or before the first day of December, A. D. 1873.

May advertise for and decide upon plans.

SECTION 2. The governor is hereby authorized to advertise for plans for an iron and stone fence to enclose the grounds of the state capitol, and after having