in by the proper amendment. A defendant, against whom an action is pending, upon a contract, or for specific real or personal property, or for the conversion thereof, may, at any time before answer, upon affidavit that a person, not a party to the action, and without collusion with him, makes against him a demand for the same debt or property, upon due notice to such person and the adverse party, apply to the court for an order to substitute such person in his place, and discharge him from liability to either party, on his depositing in court the amount of the debt, or delivering the property or its value to such person as the court may direct; and the court may in its discretion make the order.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication. Approved March 9, 1883.

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## CHAPTER 42.

AN ACT to amend section 2449 of chapter 114 of the revised statutes, relating to terms of the county courts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2449 of the revised statutes of 1878 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "month," in the second line of said section, the words, "except the months of July and August," so that the said section when amended will read as follows: Section 2449. A regular term Terms of of the county court shall be held on the first Tues- county courts. day of each month, except the months of July and August, and a special term of said court may be held on each other Tuesday of each month, or upon any day of said months of July and August. The regular and special terms of said court may be adjourned from time to time as occasion may require, and in case any matter shall not be heard at the term appointed for hearing the same, it shall stand continued until the next regular term of court, unless the court shall otherwise order; but every county court shall be deemed open at all times for the transaction of any business there-

in, when previous notice is not required to be given to the persons interested.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication. Approved March 9, 1883.

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[Published March 10, 1883.] CHAPTER 43.

AN ACT in relation to the departments of Insurance and Railroads.

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

Deputy insurance and railroad commissioner created

The commissioners of insurance SECTION 1. and of railroads of this state shall, within ten days after the passage and approval of this act, file with the secretary of state an appointment of a deputy in each of their offices, who shall be known and designated as "Deputy Insurance Commissioner" and "Deputy Railroad Commissioner," and said deputies shall take the constitutional oath of office, and file the same with the secretary of state, and they shall give such bonds to the commissioners of their respective offices, as said commissioners may prescribe, and said commissioners and the sureties on their official bonds shall be responsible for the acts of said deputies. Each of said deputies shall have the same power and authority upon all matters connected with their respective offices, as is now conferred by law upon said commissioners, but only when detailed to do special acts, or in case of the sickness or necessary absence of said commissioners from the city of Madison. Said deputy insurance commissioner shall be chief clerk and book keeper of said insurance department, and each of said deputies shall perform all of the clerical labor in their respective offices, and said commissioners of insurance and of railroads shall be entitled to no other clerks or clerk hire.

Salary of each.

SECTION 2. The salaries of said deputy railroad and insurance commissioners shall be fifteen hundred dollars per annum, payable monthly out of the state treasury upon warrant drawn by the secretary of state.

SECTION 3. All acts or parts of acts contraven-