

election, and thereafter, at the expiration of the term of each commissioner, one shall be elected by the council each year on the first Tuesday of October for a term of three years and until his successor is elected and qualified.

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

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CHAPTER 136.

AN ACT to provide for the manner of changing names of persons, and for the registry of names.

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

Declaration, what to contain, where filed. SECTION 1. Any person desiring to alter or change his, or her, name may do so by filing with the register of deeds of the county in which he resides a declaration setting forth substantially as follows: First. His name or names usually used and known at the time of declaration, with his place of residence, giving street and house number if he, or she, resides in a town where houses are numbered. Second. His age, place of birth, and, if of foreign birth, the time he or she came to this country, and approximately the length of time he or she has resided in each place. Third. Briefly and concisely the object and purpose of the alteration or change of name, for example, too many of the same name and other explanations may be given. Fourth. The name as changed or adopted.

How acknowledged. SECTION 2. Such declaration shall be signed and sealed in the presence of at least two subscribing witnesses and shall be acknowledged before an officer authorized to take acknowledgment of deeds of conveyance of real estate, and the acknowledgment shall be substantially in the same form as the acknowledgment of deeds.

Effect of filing. SECTION 3. The declaration thus made when filed in the office of the register of deeds of the county

in which the party making the declaration resides and the new name, shall then be the name of the party making the declaration, provided that no person shall change his name more than once under the provisions of this act.

Duty of register of deeds; fee. SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of the register of deeds to number consecutively all declarations filed in his office and to index both the old and the new names of the declarators, so that the declarations may easily be found and referred to under both the old and the new names. Such index must show, besides the names and the number of the declaration, also the date of filing, the post office address of the declarator opposite both the old and new names. For filing and indexing the register of deeds shall be entitled to fifty cents for each declaration, to be paid by the person presenting the same. Upon demand and the payment of fifty cents the register of deeds shall deliver to any person who may apply therefor, a certified copy of such declaration; and such certified copy may be filed in the office of the register of deeds of any other county in the state upon the payment of a like fee of fifty cents.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 137.

AN ACT to correct an error in section 4978 in the statutes of 1898, respecting chapter 38 of the laws of 1897 entitled "An act to amend chapter 152 of the laws of 1852, entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Milwaukee orphans' asylum, as amended by chapter 10 of the private and local laws of 1861, entitled, et cetera, and to declare the effect thereof.' "

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

Chapter 38 stricken out. SECTION 1. Section 4978 of the Wisconsin statutes of 1898 is hereby amended by striking out