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CHAPTER 144.

AN ACT to amend section 1924 and 1925 of the statutes of 1898 relating to boards of fire underwriters and fire patrol.

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

Annual meeting, when held. SECTION 1. Section 1924 of the statutes of 1898 is hereby amended by striking out the word "March" where the same occurs in the third line thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "January," so that said section when so amended shall read as follows: Section 1924. For the purpose of establishing and defraying the necessary expenses of such fire patrol there shall be a meeting of the said board of fire underwriters in the month of January in each year; prior notice of such meeting, specifying the time and place at which it will be held, shall be inserted for at least ten days in one daily newspaper published in the city where such board is located; at such meeting each insurance corporation, agent or person doing a fire insurance business in such city shall have the right to be present and each corporation represented shall be entitled to one vote. Such meeting may determine whether such fire patrol shall be established, or continued if established, and fix the maximum amount of expenses which shall be incurred therefor during the ensuing year; but such maximum amount shall not in any one year exceed two per cent. of the aggregate amount of premiums for fire insurance received in such city during such year.

Insurance corporations and agents to report premiums; penalty for failure. SECTION 2. Section 1925 of the statutes of 1898 is hereby amended by striking out the words "on the first day of April and October," where the same occur in the first line thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "on the first day of February;" by striking out the words "six months next preceding the said first days of April and October," where the same occur in the fifth and sixth lines of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "year ending on the next preceding first day of January;" and by striking out the words "one-half" in the seventh line thereof, so that said section when so amended shall read as follows: Section 1925. On the first

day of February in each year each insurance corporation, underwriter or agent doing any fire insurance business in such city shall furnish to said board a statement, verified by affidavit, of the aggregate amount of premiums received for insuring property in such city during the year ending on the next preceding first day of January. Upon the statement so furnished said board shall assess the amount fixed as aforesaid for the expenses of said fire patrol for the current year upon the several corporations, underwriters or agents, in proportion to the amount of the premiums returned as received by each, and such assessments may be recovered by action in the name of such board. If any such statements shall not be made as above required, said board shall cause a demand in writing to be served on the corporation, underwriter or agent so failing to make such sworn statement. Such demand shall be served by leaving the same during business hours at its or his office with the person in charge thereof, and every such corporation, underwriter or agent who shall wilfully make false statement or who shall, for fifteen days after such demand, neglect to render such statement shall forfeit fifty dollars and an additional fifty dollars for each day's neglect after the expiration of said fifteen days, one-half to the use of said board, when it shall prosecute therefor.

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

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CHAPTER 145.

AN ACT amending section 4080 statutes of 1898, relating to administering oaths.

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

Oaths, before whom may be taken. SECTION 1. Section 4080 of the statutes of 1898 is hereby amended by inserting after the words, "town clerk," in the sixth line of said section