the words, "village clerk," so that said section when amended shall read as follows: Section 4080. An oath or affidavit required or authorized by law, except oaths to jurors and witnesses on a trial and such other oaths as are required by law to be taken before particular officers, may be taken before any judge, court commissioner, including resident commissioners of the United States courts who have complied with section 2216, clerk of a court of record, notary public, town clerk, village clerk, clerk of a city organized under the general law, justice of the peace, police justice or county clerk, within the territory in which such officer is authorized to act; and when certified by such officer to have been taken before him may be read and used in any court of record, or not of record, and before any officer, judicial, executive or administrative. Oaths may be administered by any member of a committee mentioned in subdivision 3 of section 4053 to any witness examined before such committee.

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

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CHAPTER 146.

AN ACT to amend section 2421 of the statutes of 1898, entitled "writs, how issued: certiorari.

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

Writs, what to bear; when returnable; writs of certionari to review action of council, etc., service. Section 1. Section 2421 of the statutes of 1898 is hereby amended by adding after the word "board" in the ninth line of said section 2421, the following: "town board, common council of any city, or board of trustees of any village;" and by adding after the word "clerk" in the eleventh line of said section the following: "town clerk, city clerk or village clerk, respectively," so that said section when so amended shall read as follows: Section

2421. All writs issued from the circuit court shall be in the name of the state of Wisconsin, shall bear date the day they are issued, be tested in the name of the judge of the circuit in which issued, and if there be no such judge then in the name of the chief justice of the supreme court, be returnable on the first day of the term next succeeding the date of their issue, unless otherwise directed by law, by the judge or by rule of court, be signed by the clerk, scaled with the seal of the court and directed to some officer or person authorized to serve or execute the same. All writs of certiorari issued to review any action taken by any county board, town board, common council of any city or board of trustees of any village, or any record lawfully in the custody of any county clerk, town clerk, city or village clerk may be addressed to and served upon the proper county clerk, town clerk, city clerk or village clerk respectively, who shall make return thereto.

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

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CHAPTER 147.

AN ACT legalizing the acts of certain corporations acting under section 2001 subdivisions 10 to 17 of the statutes of 1898.

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

Failure to file articles in office of register of deeds not to affect validity. Section 1. Whenever in the organization of corporations under section 2001 subdivisions 10 to 17 both inclusive, there may have been a failure to file the articles of association or a copy thereof in the office of the register of deeds of the proper county, such failure shall not affect the validity of the corporation but the same shall be a body corporate from and after the date of the signing of such articles provided that such corporation records such articles or a copy thereof in the