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CHAPTER 326.

AN ACT to limit the amount of fees and expenses to be allowed in a contest for a seat in the legislature.

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

Expense to state of contestant or contestee limited to \$300 each.

SECTION 1. No sum in excess of three hundred dollars shall be allowed by the legislature to any contestant or contestee for any fees or expenses of any kind incurred in a contest over a seat in either branch of the legislature.

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

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CHAPTER 327.

AN ACT to authorize the synod for the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church of America to appoint two-thirds of the trustees of Galesville university.

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

Ex-officio members of board; term; vacancies. SECTION 1. The synod for the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church of America is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint annually, five visitors who shall be ex-officio members of the board of trustees of the Galesville university and shall severally hold their office for the term of two years and until the election or appointment of their successors, provided that the members of said board of trustees, shall not exceed the number of fifteen at any one time; the first appointment made under this act to take

the place of the outgoing visitors in the year 1901; the second appointment under this act to take the place of the outgoing visitors in the year 1902. The said synod is further authorized to fill any vacancy in said board of trustees, occurring by resignation or otherwise, but such appointments shall be for the residue of the unexpired term only.

Conflicting laws repealed. SECTION 2. So much of any act as contravenes the provisions of this act, is hereby repealed.

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

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CHAPTER 328.

AN ACT to amend section 3964 of the statutes of 1898, relating to the custody of minors.

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

Custody of ward; when father absconds, rights of mother. SECTION 1. Section 3964 of the statutes of 1898 is hereby amended by adding immediately after the word "education" in the fifth line of said section, the following words: "Provided that if the father shall abscond, leaving such minor with the mother, the mother shall have the same right to the custody of such minor as if the father were dead," so that when said section is so amended, it shall read as follows: Section 3964. Custody of ward etcetera. The father of the minor if living and in case of his death, the mother while she remains unmarried, being themselves respectively competent to transact their own business and not otherwise, shall be entitled to the custody of the person of the minor and the care of his education, provided that if the father shall abscond leaving such minor with the mother, the mother shall have the same right to the custody of such minor as if the father were dead. If the minor has no father or mother living and competent and suitable, the guardian so appointed