

officers already provided for by law, a stenographer. It shall be the duty of said stenographer to take and transcribe the testimony of all witnesses examined at any inquests held, and perform such other duties as the coroner may require, also to assist in the work of the district attorney's office when not necessarily engaged in the performance of duties for the office of county coroner. The salary for said stenographer shall be fixed by the county board of supervisors of said county and shall be paid from the treasury of such county at the same time the salaries of other county officers are paid.

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

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CHAPTER 127.

AN ACT concerning cemetery associations heretofore organized under chapter 48 of the statutes of 1849, or chapter 67 of the statutes of 1858, and to cure certain omissions in the organization thereof and adding section 1443a to the statutes of 1898.

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

Bona fide attempt at organization. SECTION 1. A new section is hereby created and added to the statutes of 1898, to be known and designated as section 1443a, and which shall read as follows: Section 1443a. Whenever there shall have been a bona fide attempt to organize a cemetery association under chapter 48 of the revised statutes of 1849, or chapter 67 of the revised statutes of 1858, and there may have been a failure to make, acknowledge and sign the certificate of organization, or to legally execute transfers of cemetery property, or if such certificate shall have been lost and there shall have been a failure to record the same in the office of the register of deeds of the proper county, and such association has in good faith car-

ried on business for over twenty-five years, bought and platted grounds and conveyed lots therein during said period and exercised the power of such an association for twenty-five years or more such failure to make, acknowledge or sign the certificate of organization or to record the same in the office of the register of deeds of the proper county shall not affect the validity of the association, nor of its transfers of cemetery property, but the same shall be a body corporate from and after the date of the conveyance to it of any real estate, the same as though a proper certificate had been made, signed, acknowledged and recorded in the office of the register of deeds.

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

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CHAPTER 128.

AN ACT amending sections 2284 and 2285 of the statutes of 1898 and making valid wills containing beneficial provisions in favor of husband or wife of a subscribing witness by making such provisions void.

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

Witness to will, or wife or husband of, not to take under it. SECTION 1. Section 2284 of the statutes of 1898 is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 2284. All beneficial devises, legacies and gifts whatsoever, made or given in any will to a subscribing witness thereto, *or to the husband or wife of a subscribing witness thereto*, shall be wholly void unless there be two other competent witnesses to the same; but a mere charge on the lands of the devisor for the payment of debts shall not prevent his creditors from being competent witnesses to his will.

When devise to witness or husband or wife of saved. SECTION 2. Section 2285 of the statutes of 1898 is hereby amended