

other person, responsible for the delinquency, through willful neglect, or by any willful act encouraging, causing or contributing to the delinquency of such child, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon trial and conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not to exceed five hundred dollars, or imprisoned in the county jail for a period not exceeding one year, or punished by both such fine and imprisonment. The court may impose conditions upon any person found guilty under this act, and so long as such person shall comply therewith to the satisfaction of the court, the sentence imposed may be suspended; provided, however, that no such sentence or the execution thereof shall be stayed to exceed a period of two years, and if at the expiration of the stay of such sentence, or at such time prior thereto as the court may deem proper, it shall appear to the satisfaction of the court that such person has complied faithfully with the conditions of such suspended sentence, the court may suspend such sentence absolutely, in which case such person shall be relieved therefrom.

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

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## CHAPTER 445.

AN ACT relating to the removal of county officers, amending section 968 of, and adding section 968a to, the statutes of 1898.

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

**Removal of county officers.** SECTION 1. Section 968 of the statutes of 1898 is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 968. The governor may remove from office any sheriff, coroner, register of deeds or district attorney, giving to such officer a copy of the charges against him and an opportunity of being heard in his defense; and he may, in his discretion, before

acting upon such charges made to him against any such officer, require the persons making the same to execute to the state and deliver to him a bond in the sum of one thousand dollars, with one or more sureties, to be approved by him, conditioned for the payment of all costs, and expenses actually incurred by the state and such officer in the examination and hearing of such charges; but no action shall be brought upon such bond by the attorney-general or by the officer complained of or his legal representatives unless the governor shall certify, in writing, that the charges against such officer were malicious or without probable cause. *The expenses of such investigation shall be audited and paid out of the general fund upon vouchers duly certified.*

**Hearing, notice of; procedure.** SECTION 2. There is hereby enacted a new section of the statutes of 1898, to be known as section 968a and to read as follows: Section 968a. Upon the filing with the governor of specific charges of official misconduct or malfeasance in office on the part of any officer, named in section 968, he shall make an order fixing a time when, and place where, the matter will be heard and investigated, and shall cause a copy thereof together with a copy of the charges to be served upon such officer at least twenty days before the date fixed for such hearing. Service may be made by delivering a copy of such order and charges to such officer in person or by mailing a copy thereof to such officer at his last and usual postoffice address. Such officer may within ten days from service of such charges file with the governor his answer thereto. Such charges and answer shall be verified in the same manner as pleadings in courts of record are verified. The governor may conduct such hearing or examination in person or he may appoint a commissioner to make the investigation and take and report the testimony. The governor and the commissioner so appointed shall have authority to administer oaths, and issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of evidence and may make and enforce such orders and rules as are necessary to properly conduct such hearing or investigation, and the governor may appoint a stenographer to take testimony and may fix the compensation of such commissioner and stenographer. If any witness shall fail or refuse to obey a subpoena issued by the governor or the commissioner by this act provided or refuse to testify to any matter concerning which he may be interrogated it shall be the duty of the circuit court of the county in which such witness is summoned to appear, or of a judge thereof, on application of the governor or such commissioner to compel obedience by

attachment and proceedings for contempt as in case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from such court or a refusal to testify therein. No person shall be excused from testifying or from producing any evidence on such hearing or investigation for the reason that the testimony or evidence, documentary or otherwise, required of him may tend to incriminate him, but no person so testifying shall be prosecuted for or on account of any transaction, matter or thing concerning which he may have so testified or produced any documentary evidence.

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

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## CHAPTER 446.

AN ACT to amend section 1463 of the statutes of 1898, as amended by chapter 274 of the laws of 1901, and section 1464 of the statutes of 1898, so as to render state aid to all agricultural fairs, definite and uniform.

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

**State aid to be based on cash premiums paid.** SECTION 1. Section 1463 of the statutes of 1898, as amended by chapter 274 of the laws of 1901, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 1463.\* *There shall be paid within ten days after the first day of February, out of the state treasury, to each organized agricultural society, association, or board in the state, which shall have substantially complied with the following conditions, forty per centum of the total amount of premiums thereby paid at its annual fair for the preceding year, provided that in computing the amount upon which such per centum is to be paid, not more than one-half thereof shall have been paid for trials or exhibitions of speed, or other contest, for which pub-*

\*Entire section rewritten.