

by the secretary of state, be paid by the state treasurer to the respective treasurers of the cities, villages and towns entitled to the same.

5. The commissioner shall also transmit to the treasurer of each city, village and town entitled to any such fire department dues, a statement giving the name of each company or insurer, paying any such dues for such city, village or town, with the amount paid.

6. The provisions of this section shall stand in lieu of the giving of a bond, and the making of a sworn statement, and the payment of the fire department dues required from each underwriter or agency required by section 1926; provided, that if any company or insurer shall fail to pay the tax at the time required in this section, the provisions of section 1926 shall apply.

SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, a sum sufficient to carry out the provisions of this act.

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

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CHAPTER 579.

AN ACT to create section 175m of the statutes, validating instruments made to or by corporations, acknowledged before notaries public who were stockholders, directors, officers or employes of the corporation, and validating other acts done by said notary.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes a new section to read: Section 175m. No acknowledgment to a deed, mortgage or other written instrument, heretofore executed to or by a bank or other corporation which has been acknowledged before a notary public who, at the time of taking such acknowledgment, was a stockholder, director, officer or employe of the bank or other corporation, to whom or by whom such instrument was made, shall be declared invalid or to have been illegally executed and acknowledged because the notary public taking the acknowledgment was a stockholder, director, officer or employe of the bank or other corporation to which or by which such instrument was made, and no protest of a bill of exchange, draft, check, note or other negotiable instrument which has been heretofore protested for nonacceptance or nonpayment by a notary public who, at

the time of such protest, was a stockholder, director, officer or employe of the bank to which such bill, draft, check or other negotiable instrument was presented for acceptance or payment shall be declared to have been illegally protested because the notary public making the protest was, at the time of making such protest, a stockholder, director, officer or employe of the bank to which such bill, draft, check or other negotiable instrument was presented for acceptance or payment.

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

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CHAPTER 580.

AN ACT to amend section 2400 of the statutes, relating to compensation of stenographers rendering assistance to justices of the supreme court.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2400 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 2400. (a) Each justice of the supreme court may appoint a stenographer and copyist to render such assistance in the performance of his duty as may be required, and may remove the person so appointed at pleasure and appoint another in the place of the one so removed.

(b) Each justice shall certify such appointment to the secretary of state, with the date of the commencement of such service, and shall also notify him of the termination of the service.

(c) The compensation of each such appointee shall be fixed by the justice appointing him, but shall not exceed one hundred *twenty-five* dollars per month. Such justices may appoint a messenger for said court at a compensation of seventy-five dollars per month.

(d) The chief justice or one of said justices shall certify the appointment of such messenger to the secretary of state, with the date of the commencement of such a service, and shall also notify him of the termination of such service.

(e) The compensation of such stenographers and copyists and messenger shall be paid on warrants drawn by the secretary of state. The trustees of the state library may appoint one or more janitors for service in and about the library and rooms of the justices of the supreme court, and fix his or their compensation. Such appointments and the compensation fixed shall be certified