

be admitted as a voluntary patient to any public hospital for the insane in this state in the discretion of the superintendent thereof for treatment. Such persons, if so admitted to either of the state or county hospitals or asylums for the insane, if not indigent shall be required to pay such sums for his maintenance and at such times as the state board of control or the trustees of such institutions may by rule or by law prescribe, and no charge for his maintenance shall be made against the state or any county \* \* \*. If indigent, the superintendent of the institution shall forward a certified copy of the application to the county judge of the county from which such patient was admitted who shall investigate the matter of legal residence and indigence of such patient and make a legal finding as to the liability of the county or the person or persons chargeable with his support, such findings are to be filed with the superintendent of the institution in the same manner as in regular commitments. Otherwise all voluntary patients shall have the same standing and be subject to the same laws, rules and regulations as \* \* \* regularly committed persons, except that they shall have the right to leave such hospital at any time if in the judgment of the superintendent they are in fit condition, on giving five days' notice to the superintendent of their desire to do so.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 358.

AN ACT to relieve Samuel Meyer, county clerk of Buffalo county, and Elmer W. Hill, county clerk of Rusk county, from the obligation to pay over certain sums of money therein stated, on account of the failure of depositing banks in their respective counties, and providing that any dividends paid by said banks be paid into the conservation fund.

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

SECTION 1. (1) Samuel Meyer, county clerk of Buffalo county, is relieved of the obligation to account for the sum of

four hundred thirteen dollars and twenty-one cents, collected by him for fishing and hunting license fees and deposited in a bank that failed. Elmer W. Hill, county clerk of Rusk county, is relieved of the obligation to account for the sum of four hundred seventy-five dollars and thirty-eight cents, collected by him for fishing and hunting license fees and deposited in a bank that failed.

(2) Any dividends paid by these banks on the respective claims shall be paid into the conservation fund by the county clerks within five days of their receipt.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 359.

AN ACT to amend subsections (1) and (2) of section 137.01 of the statutes, relating to appointment of notaries public.

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

SECTION 1. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 137.01 of the statutes are amended to read: (137.01) (1) The governor shall appoint, in each organized county of the state, one or more notaries public, who shall be residents and qualified electors, of the county for which they are appointed. *Every person desiring appointment as notary public shall file an application therefor with the secretary of state on a form to be prepared by the latter, accompanied by a fee of two dollars. Before issuing to any applicant a commission under subsection (2) the secretary of state shall satisfy himself that the applicant is of good moral character, has the equivalent of a common school education and is familiar with the duties and responsibilities of a notary public. When so satisfied, he shall notify the applicant who shall then comply with the provisions of subsection (2). If the application is rejected the fee shall be returned. Any person who now holds a commission as notary public shall be entitled to be reappointed as notary public if of good moral character. They shall be considered state officers, and shall hold their offices for the term of*