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CHAPTER 399.

AN ACT to amend section 346.49 of the statutes, relating to persons assuming to be officers, and providing a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Section 346.49 of the statutes is amended to read: 346.49 Any person who shall falsely assume or pretend to be a justice of the peace, sheriff, deputy sheriff, coroner, constable, * * * notary, *policeman, attorney at law, detective, peace officer or any public officer, civil or military*, and shall take upon himself to act as such, *or who assumes without authority, any uniform or badge, by which such officer or person is lawfully distinguished, and in such assumed character does an act purporting to be official, whereby another is injured or defrauded, or who under the color of any process or other legal authority arrests any person or detains him against his will, or seizes or levies upon any property without a regular process or other lawful authority therefor* shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not more than one year or by a fine not exceeding * * * *five hundred dollars.*

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

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CHAPTER 400.

AN ACT to create section 348.325 of the statutes, relating to barratry and providing a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. A new section is added to the statutes to read: 348.325 (1) Common barratry is the practice of soliciting, maintaining or exciting judicial proceedings or other actions at law or equity.