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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.

(2) Any person guilty of common barratry as defined in subsection (1) shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not more than six months or by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars.

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

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CHAPTER 401.

AN ACT to amend subsections (1) and (5) of section 20.14 of the statutes, relating to appropriations for the free library commission.

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

SECTION 1. Subsections (1) and (5) of section 20.14 of the statutes are amended to read: (20.14) (1) Annually, beginning July 1, * * * 1927, * * * *forty* thousand * * * dollars for the execution of the functions of said commission, other than the work of the legislative reference library and other than the purposes of subsection (2) of this section. Further, all moneys received by each and every person for or on account of said commission shall be paid, within one week after receipt thereof, into the general fund, and are appropriated and added to this appropriation. The members of the commission shall receive no compensation, but shall be paid their actual and necessary traveling expenses incurred in the discharge of their official duties.

(5) Annually, beginning July 1, * * * 1927, * * * *twelve* thousand *five hundred* dollars, for the operation of the library school as provided in subsection (4) of section 43.09.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1927.

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