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CHAPTER 171

AN ACT to amend 14.29 (9) and 137.01 (1) and (9) (a) to (d) of the statutes, relating to fees for recordings.

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

SECTION 1. 14.29 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

14.29 (9) Make a copy of any law, resolution, deed, bond, record, document or paper deposited or kept in his office, upon request therefor, attach thereto his certificate, with the great or lesser seal affixed, and collect therefor * * * 25 cents per folio and * * * \$1 for such certificate; also to record any document authorized or required by law to be recorded in his office, and to charge therefor a fee of * * * 25 cents per folio. The fee for certified copies of appointments, certificates of incorporations or amendments, licenses of foreign corporations, or similar certificates, and for certificates as to results of search of the records and files of his office, when a printed form is used, shall be \$1, but when a specially prepared form is required the fee shall be \$1.50. The minimum fee for any certificate under his hand and seal shall be * * * \$1.

SECTION 2. 137.01 (1) and (9) (a) to (d) 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 * * * \$5. Before issuing to any applicant a commission under sub. (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 sub. (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 4 years from the date of their appointment, and have power to act by virtue of their office throughout the state.

(9) (a) For drawing and copy of protest of the nonpayment of a promissory note or bill of exchange, or of the nonacceptance of such bill, * * * \$1 in the cases where by law such protest is necessary, but in no other case.

(b) For drawing and copy of every other protest, * * * 50 cents.

(c) For drawing, copying and serving every notice of nonpayment of a note or bill, or nonacceptance of a bill, * * * 50 cents.

(d) For drawing any affidavit, or other paper or proceeding for which provision is not herein made, * * * 50 cents for each folio, and for copying the same * * * 12 cents per folio.

Approved June 1, 1955.
