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CHAPTER 146

AN ACT to amend 235.19 (9) (b) and (c) of the statutes, relating to the manner of authenticating acknowledgments taken outside the state and for the purpose of making uniform the law relating thereto.

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

235.19 (9) (b) and (c) of the statutes are amended to read:

235.19 (9) (b) If the acknowledgment is taken in any other state, territory or district of the United States, unless it is taken before a commissioner appointed by the governor of this state, a clerk of a court of record with its seal attached, or a notary public with his seal attached, the certificate of acknowledgment shall be authenticated by a certificate as to the official character of the officer taking the acknowledgment, executed by a clerk of a court of record of the county, parish or district in which the acknowledgment is taken. *The signature to the authenticating certificate may be a facsimile printed, stamped, photographed or engraved thereon when the certificate bears the seal of the authenticating officer. A clerk authenticating an acknowledgment shall endorse thereon or attach thereto a certificate in substantially the following form:*

*State of -----  
County of -----*

*I, ----- clerk of the ----- in and for said county, which court is a court of record, having a seal, do hereby certify that ----- by and before whom the foregoing (or annexed) acknowledgment was taken, was at the time of taking the same a ----- residing (or authorized to act) in said county, and was authorized by the laws of said state to take and certify acknowledgments in said state, and, further, that I am acquainted with his handwriting and that I believe that the signature to the certificate of acknowledgment is genuine.*

*In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the court this ----- day of -----, 19-----.*

(c) If the acknowledgment is made without the United States and by a notary public or a judge or clerk of a court of record of the country where the acknowledgment is \* \* \* taken, the certificate shall be authenticated by a certificate under the great seal of state of the country, affixed by the custodian of such seal, or by a certificate of a diplomatic, consular or commercial officer of the United States accredited to that country, certifying as to the official character of such officer. *The officer authenticating an acknowledgment shall endorse thereon or attach thereto a certificate in substantially the form prescribed in par. (b).*

Approved May 28, 1957.