

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage and publication.

Approved May 17th, 1858.

Chapter 134.

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AN ACT concerning Testimony.

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

SECTION 1. No person shall be disqualified as a witness in any civil action or proceeding by reason of his interest in the event of the same as a party or otherwise, except in the cases specified in the next section, but such interest may be shown for the purpose of affecting his credit as a witness. Not unqualified as a witness.

SEC. 2. A party to a civil action or proceeding may be examined as a witness in his or her own behalf on the trial, except in actions in which the opposite party sues or defends as administrator or legal representative of any deceased person; but such party shall not be examined in relation to any matter in controversy in any action or proceeding in which the plaintiff or defendant claims as assignee when the original assignor is dead, nor in relation to any matter in controversy arising out of any transaction managed or conducted by an agent of the opposite party, or by an agent of the original assignor of such party, unless such agent is living. May be examined in his or her own behalf, except.

SEC. 3. Notice of the intended examination of a party in his own behalf shall be given to the opposite party for such time as the court shall deem reasonable, in order to enable such opposite party to be present at the trial or to have his deposition taken to be used on such trial, but in cases where a party shall be sworn pursuant to such notice, or where the original assignor of a contract or thing in action, is sworn on behalf of the party claiming title through him, the opposite party shall be permitted to testify without such notice. Notice of such examination to be given—opposite party may testify.

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ken.

SEC. 4. Any party to an action or proceeding who resides out of this State, or more than thirty miles from the place of trial, may have his deposition taken to be used on such trial in the same manner and subject to the same rules as provided by law for taking the depositions of other witnesses.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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Chapter 135.

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AN ACT to provide for the better regulation of the State Library.

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

State Librari-
an—duty.

SECTION 1. The State Librarian is hereby authorized and directed to have the several works in the State Library properly arranged, and to have a full and accurate catalogue made of the same.

Catalogues to
be printed.

SEC. 2. The said Librarian shall cause to be printed three hundred copies of the said catalogue, to be disposed of in such manner as the trustees of said library may direct. And it is hereby made the duty of the State Librarian to have added to such catalogue, by either printing or writing the title of such works as shall be added to said library from time to time.

No works to
be borrowed,
except.

SEC. 3. No work belonging to the State Library shall be borrowed or taken away from the same, except by the Executive, Judges of the Supreme or other courts, members or officers of the Legislature, or State officers, and in no case shall they be taken away from the Capitol.

To dispose of
revised stat-
utes.

SEC. 4. The State Librarian is hereby authorized to sell or dispose of copies of the Revised Statutes or Session Laws, under the direction of the trustees of said library.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved May 17th, 1858.