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CHAPTER 75.

AN ACT relating to justices of the peace, and amendatory of chapter one hundred and twenty-seven, of the general laws of 1880.

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

Police Justice.

Term of office of police justice.

Powers and duties.

SECTION 1. Section one, of chapter one hundred and twenty-seven, of the general laws of 1880, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 1. Section eight hundred and eighty-six, chapter forty, of the revised statutes of 1878, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 886. The police justice shall take and file the oath of office as prescribed in the last section. He shall give a bond conditioned to faithfully discharge all the duties of his office, and pay over according to law, all moneys and fees not his own, collected or received by him. His term of office shall be two years, and until his successor is elected and qualified. Any vacancy shall be filled by a special election for the unexpired term. He may be removed by the board of trustees, on a vote of the president and four trustees, for official incapacity or misconduct, after giving him reasonable hearing in his defense. He shall hold the police court, and within the limits of the village have the jurisdiction of a justice of the peace and exclusive jurisdiction of all cases whatever arising under the ordinances and by-laws of such village, and concurrent jurisdiction of all criminal cases arising therein, provided that in case of the sickness, absence, or incapacity of such police justice to act, any justice of the peace of the village, or adjoining town in the county in which such village is situated, shall have jurisdiction of every such case, upon filing with such justice the affidavit of the complainant setting forth such sickness, absence, or incapacity. He shall have general power to administer oaths and affirmations, and take depositions, acknowledgments of deeds and instruments in writing. He shall be entitled to the same fees as are allowed to justices of the peace for similar services, and no other compensation.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 11, 1831.