

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 298.

AN ACT relating to newspaper publications, maintaining actions for libel thereon, and damages therefor.

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

Relating to an
action for libel
by newspapers.

SECTION 1. The proprietor, publisher, editor, writer or reporter upon any newspaper, whose chief office of publication is within this state, shall not be liable in any civil action for libel, for the publication in such newspaper of a true and fair report of any judicial, legislative or other public official proceeding authorized by law, or of any public statement, speech, argument or debate in the course of such official proceedings. This section will not be construed to exempt any such proprietor, publisher, editor, writer or reporter from liability for any libelous matter contained in any head-line or headings to any such report, or to libelous remarks or comments added or interpolated in any such report, or made and published concerning the same, which remarks or comments were not uttered by the person libelled or spoken concerning him in the course of such official proceedings by some other person.

SECTION 2. Any true statement, explanation, correction, or retraction published without comment in any such newspaper, within a reasonable time after any publication in violation of the preceding section, or after the publication of any libelous matter, or in the next issue after notice of such publication, may be introduced upon the trial of any such action as a sufficient defense against any imputation of malice and against the recovery of any damage, except actual damages.

What shall be considered a sufficient defense.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 299.

AN ACT prescribing and fixing the terms of the circuit court of Calumet county.

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

SECTION 1. The general terms of the circuit court of Calumet county in each year, shall be held on the third Monday in March and first Monday in October.

General terms of court in Calumet county fixed.

SECTION 2. All acts or parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed, so far as they conflict therewith and no further.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of May, 1897.

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