

corporation not authorized to do business in this state shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment of not less than three months nor more than one year, or by both fine and imprisonment.

Penalty for acting as agent of unauthorized company.

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

Approved April 19, 1899.

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CHAPTER 217.

AN ACT to expedite the hearing of demurrers in civil actions and to amend section 2681 of the Wisconsin statutes of 1898.

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

SECTION 1. The issue raised by a written demurrer to any pleading or to part thereof in any civil action pending or hereafter brought in any court of record may be brought on for argument and determination before such court at any time upon five days' notice.

Five day notice required for hearing demurrer.

SECTION 2. Section 2681 of the Wisconsin statutes of 1898 is amended by striking out the words "a demurrer" where they occur in the first line thereof and inserting the word "the" so that said section when amended shall read as follows: Section 2681. If the answer or reply be frivolous the court or the presiding judge thereof may, upon motion and five days' notice to the party interposing the same strike such pleading out and thereupon either order judg-

Judgment upon frivolous pleadings.

ment in favor of the adverse party or, in his discretion, allow the party interposing the same to plead over within a limited time, on such terms as may be just. If no further pleading be served within the time so fixed the adverse party may obtain such judgment as he may be entitled to in the manner provided in case of a failure to answer or reply in the first instance.

SECTION 3. Any provision of law conflicting with the provisions of this act is hereby superseded.

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

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CHAPTER 218.

AN ACT to establish a district court in the county of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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

County declared to be a district court district.

SECTION 1. The county of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is hereby declared to be a judicial district for the purpose of establishing a district court therein, to have jurisdiction as hereinafter provided over and throughout the extent of the city and county of Milwaukee, and all the cities, villages and towns in said county.

District court established. To be a court of record.

SECTION 2. There is hereby constituted and established in said county of Milwaukee a court to be known and called the district court of the county of Milwaukee. It shall be a court of record and have a clerk and a seal with suitable de-