

provisions of section 176 of the statutes of 1898, repealed by chapter 356 of the laws of 1899, so that said section 1681-9 when so amended shall read as follows: Section 1681-9. Where a foreign bill appearing on its face to be such is dishonored by non-acceptance, it must be duly protested for non-acceptance, and where such a bill which has not previously been dishonored by non-acceptance is dishonored by non-payment, it must be duly protested for non-payment. If it is not so protested, the drawer and indorsers are discharged. Where a bill does not appear on its face to be a foreign bill, protest thereof in case of dishonor is unnecessary. Every notary public, when any bill of exchange or promissory note shall be by him protested for non-acceptance or non-payment, shall give notice thereof in writing to the drawer, maker and each indorser of such bill of exchange or promissory note; he shall also thereupon make a certificate under his hand and official seal, setting forth the presentment, demand, refusal and protest thereof for non-acceptance or non-payment, the contents of the notice given, and the time and manner of service thereof, specifying the postoffice and reputed place of residence of each person notified by mail; he shall also thereupon make and keep a record of such certificate and of the description of the instrument protested; and such certificate or such record, or a certified copy thereof, shall be presumptive evidence of the facts therein stated. The want of such certificate or record, or both, shall not invalidate any such protest or notice, but the same may be proved by any other competent evidence.

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

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## CHAPTER 42.

AN ACT to amend section 2001—16 of Wisconsin statutes 1898 relating to incorporation of churches.

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

**Articles to be recorded in office of register of deeds.** SECTION 1. Section 2001—16 of the revised statutes of 1898 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "and," in the sixth line of

said section, the following: "recorded in the office," so that said section when amended shall read as follows: Section 2001—16. Whenever any of said congregations have complied with the foregoing provisions, the articles of incorporation thereof shall be made out accordingly, be signed by the president and secretary in the presence of two witnesses, who shall sign their names thereto, and acknowledged before some notary public or other person authorized by law thereto and filed in the office of the secretary of state, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds in the county or counties where such corporation may own real estate.

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

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## CHAPTER 43.

AN ACT to amend sections 1379—13, 1379—18, 1379—19, 1379—21, 1379—24, 1379—31, of the revised statutes for 1898, relating to drainage districts.

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

**Hearing when had; duty of court as to petition; deeds not made in good faith; findings; appointment of commissioners.** SECTION 1. Section 1379—13 of the revised statutes of 1898 is hereby amended by adding after the word petitioners, in the twenty-sixth line of said section, the following: "and judgment shall be entered against said petitioners for the amount of said costs." So that said section when amended, shall read as follows: Section 1379—13. The circuit court in which such petition shall be filed may grant a hearing thereon at any general or special term, and adjourn the hearing from time to time or continue the case for want of sufficient notice or for other good cause. At the hearing on any such petition all parties through or upon whose lands any of the proposed work may be constructed or whose lands may be damaged or benefited thereby