

the circuit court of Douglas county, when the value of the property in controversy or the amount of money claimed or sought to be recovered, after deducting all payments and set-offs, shall not exceed five million dollars, and of all actions for divorce and for affirmance or annulment of the marriage contract. The presiding judge thereof shall have and exercise the powers of a circuit judge at chambers as to all actions or proceedings in said superior court.

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

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## CHAPTER 89.

AN ACT to detach certain territory from the town of Richmond, Shawano county, and to create the town of Wescott.

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

**Town of Wescott defined.** SECTION 1. All that portion of the town of Richmond, in the county of Shawano, in the state of Wisconsin, described as follows, to-wit: All of township number twenty-seven north, of range number fifteen east, located on the east side of Wolf river, except that part of sections twenty-five and thirty-six now included in the city limits of the city of Shawano and all of township number twenty-seven north, of range number sixteen east, except sections twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six, thirty-five and thirty-six, of said township now attached to the town of Washington, are hereby set off and detached from the said town of Richmond, and are hereby created and constituted a separate town to be known and designated as the town of Wescott in said Shawano county.

**Apportionment of assets and liabilities.** SECTION 2. The assets and liabilities of the said existing town of Richmond to be apportioned to the said towns of Wescott and Richmond, shall bear the same ratio to the whole of said assets and liabilities of said existing town of Richmond, as the assessed valuation for the

year A. D. 1900 of the taxable property of the above described, detached territory from the existing town of Richmond, respectively bears to that of the assessed valuation for the year A. D. 1900 of the whole of the taxable property of said existing town of Richmond, as shown by the assessment rolls for the year A. D. 1900.

**First town meeting, when and where held.** SECTION 3. The first town meeting of the town of Wescott shall be held at the Magee school house situated on section number thirty, in township number twenty-seven north, and of range number sixteen east, of the fourth principal meridian in the state of Wisconsin, on the first Tuesday of April, A. D. 1901.

**Election officers how provided; judicial election.** SECTION 4. The qualified electors of said town of Wescott, shall at such town meeting, in the manner provided by law, elect all town officers for the said town, and for the purpose of such election the qualified electors shall, between the hours of nine and eleven o'clock, in the forenoon of said day, choose three of their number to act as inspectors of the election, and such inspectors shall, before entering upon their respective duties, severally take the usual oath of office and file the same with their returns, and such inspectors shall respectively canvass and return the votes cast at such election in all respects as provided by law for inspectors at annual town meetings. And the qualified electors, so assembled at the respective places aforesaid, may vote for judicial officers to be chosen on the same day, and the votes cast for such judicial officers, whether for justice of the supreme court, judge of the circuit court or county judge, or all of them, shall be counted, canvassed and returned in the same manner and shall have the same effect as if said town were fully organized.

**When town deemed organized.** SECTION 5. When such election shall have been held as herein provided, and the town officers required by law duly elected, the said town of Wescott shall be deemed, and shall be, duly organized, and shall possess all the rights, powers, privileges and liabilities of other towns in this state.

**Apportionment of indebtedness.** SECTION 6. On the fifteenth day of April A. D. 1901, the town boards of the towns of Wescott and Richmond shall meet together at the said Magee school house, situated on said section number thirty, in township number twenty-seven north, of range number sixteen east, of the fourth principal meridian in the state of Wisconsin, and determine what portion of the legal indebtedness of the existing town

of Richmond shall be chargeable to the town of Richmond, and what portion to the town of Wescott, and shall also determine what portion of the assets and credits of the existing town of Richmond, together with such road moneys as shall be payable to said town, shall be due to the towns of Wescott and Richmond respectively.

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

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## CHAPTER 90.

AN ACT to regulate the treatment and control of dependent, neglected and delinquent children in counties having over one hundred and fifty thousand population.

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

**Dependent and neglected child defined.** SECTION 1. The provisions of this act shall only apply to counties in this state having over one hundred and fifty thousand population, as ascertained by the last state or United States census. For the purposes of this act the words "dependent child," and "neglected child," shall mean any child, under the age of sixteen years, who for any reason is destitute or homeless, or abandoned, or dependent upon the public for support; or has not proper parental care or guardianship; or who habitually begs or receives alms; or who is found living in any house of ill fame, or with any vicious or disreputable person, or whose home by reason of neglect, cruelty or depravity on the part of its parents, guardian or other person in whose care it may be, is an unfit place for such a child; and any child under the age of eight years who is found peddling or selling any article, or singing or playing any musical instrument upon the street, or giving any public entertainment without a permit therefor, to be issued in his discretion by the judge of the juvenile court hereinafter provided for. The words "delinquent child," shall include any child under the