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CHAPTER 406.

AN ACT to amend section 1437 of the statutes of 1898 relative to the promotion of anatomical science.

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

Bodies for dissection; western judicial district. SECTION 1. Section 1437 of the statutes of 1898 is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Section 1437. Every public officer located and residing in the western United States judicial district, for the state of Wisconsin, having charge of the body of any deceased person required to be buried at public expense, shall promptly notify the relatives or kindred of such deceased person, if he knows, or can with reasonable diligence ascertain any of them, and deliver the body to any relative or kindred who shall claim the same, within a reasonable time after notice; but if any relative or kindred, or any one in their behalf, shall not claim the same within forty-eight hours after death, or if the relatives or kindred notified shall have expressed acquiescence in the disposition thereof hereinafter mentioned, such officer shall at the expense of the university of Wisconsin immediately notify the demonstrator of anatomy of the university by telegraph, if practicable, or in any other expeditious manner, that such body is at his disposal for anatomical purposes. The said demonstrator, when generally authorized thereto by the regents, shall immediately upon receipt of such notification, inform the officer whether such body is desired for such purpose. If he signify that it is so desired, the officer shall deliver the body properly encased for transportation without charge to the agent of the express company at the nearest railroad station, consigned to such demonstrator, or to his agent authorized to receive it; provided, that if previous application for bodies shall have been made to the regents of the university by any duly incorporated college or colleges or medical schools in said district, he shall under the direction of the president of the university, or in his absence the vice-president, equitably distribute such bodies between the university and the

applying colleges and schools according to their respective needs and claims, the institution receiving the body paying the transportation expenses incidental thereto. If the demonstrator shall not desire such body for such purpose for the university or applying college or school, then he shall immediately notify the Milwaukee Medical College and the Wisconsin College of Physicians and Surgeons of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and thereupon such public officer upon like application if immediately made, and like assumption of liability for expenses, all as aforesaid, shall without charge deliver such body so encased for transportation to such express company's said agent consigned to said Milwaukee Medical College or Wisconsin College of Physicians and Surgeons, which shall first present him an order therefor, signed by the president or secretary thereof, which order shall state that such body shall be used only for the promotion of anatomical science within this state, and that the remains of such body not so used, shall be afterwards decently buried or cremated in compliance with such regulations therefor as the state board of health shall prescribe.

Bodies for dissection; eastern judicial district. SECTION 2. Every public officer located and residing in the eastern United States judicial district for the state of Wisconsin, having charge of the body of any deceased person required to be buried at public expense, shall promptly notify the relatives or kindred of such deceased person, if he knows, or can with reasonable diligence ascertain any of them, and deliver the body to any relative or kindred who shall claim the same, within a reasonable time after notice, but if no relative or kindred or any one in their behalf shall claim the same within forty-eight hours after death, or if the relatives or kindred notified shall have expressed acquiescence in the disposition thereof hereinafter mentioned, such officer shall immediately notify such agent as shall be appointed jointly by the Milwaukee Medical College and the Wisconsin College of Physicians and Surgeons of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, by telegraph if practicable, or in any other expeditious manner, that such body is at his disposal for anatomical purposes, and shall deliver such body, without charge, to the agent of said colleges so appointed, or properly encased for transportation, to the agent of the express company at the nearest railroad station consigned to such incorporated college or school as such jointly appointed agent shall direct, provided that if previous applications for bodies shall have been made to the said jointly appointed agent by any other duly incorporated

college or colleges or medical schools in said district, he shall under the direction of the presidents of said Milwaukee colleges, or in the absence of either, the vice-president acting, equitably distribute such bodies between the said Milwaukee colleges and said other incorporated colleges and schools in said district, according to their respective needs and claims, and such body shall be consigned to the distributee accordingly, the institution receiving the same paying the transportation expenses incidental thereto and presenting to such public officer an order therefor signed by the president or secretary of the college or school to which the same is to be given, stipulated for the payment of such transportation expenses and stating that such body shall be used only for the promotion of anatomical science within this state, and that the remains of such body not so used shall be afterwards decently buried or cremated in compliance with such regulations therefor as the state board of health shall prescribe.

Bodies not to be used for purposes of dissection, when. SECTION 3. But in any event, the body of any person who in his last sickness shall make request to be buried or cremated, and of any stranger or traveler who shall have suddenly died, shall not be so disposed of. No person having charge of any body hereby authorized to be disposed of, shall sell or deliver the same to any one to be used for scientific or other purposes outside of the state; and no body of any person who shall die with smallpox, diphtheria or scarlet fever shall be disposed of as herein provided.

How treated; delivery of, to relatives. SECTION 4. Upon the receipt of any body at the state university or any medical college, it shall be properly embalmed for preservation, and shall be retained for twelve days before being used or dismembered for anatomical purposes, and shall be delivered to any relative or kin of the deceased claiming the same, upon payment of the expenses incurred respecting such body, and satisfactory proof of relationship.

Penalty. SECTION 5. Any officer or person having in charge, refusing to report and deliver such body of any deceased person, when applied for and required by the provisions of this act, or violating the provisions of this act, forbidding the sale, disposition or delivery of any such body, to be used for scientific or other purposes outside of the state, shall be liable

to the person, regents, or medical colleges herein named, aggrieved, in the sum of fifty dollars, to be recovered in an action.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 407.

AN ACT relating to the terms of circuit judges.

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

Termination of terms. SECTION 1. The terms of the circuit judges now in office shall terminate respectively as follows:

The terms of Ellsworth Burnett Belden of the first circuit shall terminate at midnight of the day preceding the first Monday of January, 1908.

The term of Lawrence W. Halsey of the second circuit shall terminate at midnight of the day preceding the first Monday of January, 1906.

The term of Warren D. Tarrant of the second circuit shall terminate at midnight of the day preceding the first Monday of January, 1906.

The term of George W. Burnell of the third circuit shall terminate at midnight of the day preceding the first Monday of January, 1909.

The term of Michael Kirwan of the fourth circuit shall terminate at midnight of the day preceding the first Monday of January, 1905.

The term of George Clementson of the fifth circuit shall terminate at midnight of the day preceding the first Monday of January, 1907.

The term of John J. Fruit of the sixth circuit shall terminate at midnight of the day preceding the first Monday of January, 1907.

The term of Charles M. Webb of the seventh circuit shall