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CHAPTER 163.

AN ACT relating to the jurisdiction of county courts.

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

Jurisdiction. SECTION 1. Section 2443 of the statutes of 1898 is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 2443. The jurisdiction of the county court shall extend to the probate of wills and granting letters testamentary and of administration on the estates of all persons deceased who were at the time of their decease inhabitants of or residents in the same county and of all who shall die without the state having any estate within such county to be administered, and to any other cases authorized by law; to the appointment of guardians to minors and others in the cases prescribed by law; to all matters relating to the settlement of the estates of such deceased persons and of such minors and others under guardianship; *to all cases of constructions of wills admitted to probate in such court;* and to all cases of trusts *and trust powers* created by will admitted to probate in such court; and such court shall have and exercise such other jurisdiction and powers as are or may be conferred by law.

Notice of petition for construction of will. SECTION 2. There is hereby created and added to the statutes of 1898 a new section to be known and to read as follows: Section 3791a. Whenever a petition shall be filed for the construction of a will admitted to probate, the court shall by order direct that notice thereof shall be given by publication in a newspaper as provided in section 4045, at least three weeks successively previous to the time of hearing, and to all persons interested, excepting such as shall have joined in the petition or indorsed their consent thereon, by personal service of a copy of such notice upon all who shall reside in this state in the same manner as in case of a summons in circuit court, and by mailing a copy of such notice to all persons interested residing out of this state, whose residence is known or can with due diligence be ascertained, at least twenty days before such day of hearing.

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

Approved May 3, 1905.