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CHAPTER 340.

AN ACT to amend section 3942 of the statutes, relating to proceedings for partition in county courts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 3942 of the statutes is amended to read:

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Approved June 22, 1907.

(In effect July 1, 1907.)

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CHAPTER 341.

AN ACT to amend section 697c of the statutes, relating to commitment to the work-house.

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

SECTION 1. Section 697c of the statutes is amended to read:

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SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after January first, 1908, after its passage and publication.

Approved June 22, 1907.

County officers: substitution of salaries for fees. SECTION 694. 1. The county board at their annual meeting shall fix the amount of salary which shall be received by every county officer, including county judge, who is to be elected in the county during the ensuing year, and is entitled to receive a salary payable out of the county treasury, and the salary so fixed shall not be increased or diminished during his term of office.

2. All salaries, the amounts whereof have heretofore been fixed by such board or established by law shall be and remain the salaries of such officers until the county board shall fix the amounts thereof in accordance with this section, and when such amounts are once so fixed they shall be and remain the salaries of such officers until changed by the county board.

3. * * * Where any new county shall have been or shall be created and officers thereof appointed, the board of any such county may at any regular meeting during the term of office of officers so appointed, fix the amount of annual compensation that they shall receive.

4. *Whenever any county officer shall be paid by fees collected, or partly by fees and partly by salary, the county board of such county may, at any time, change the compensation of such county officer from a fee basis to a salary, and may fix the salary of such officer, and at the same time the county board and such officer shall stipulate in writing the amount of compensation which shall be received and accepted annually by such officer for the remainder of the term for which he was elected as equivalent to the fee, or fees and salary to which he was theretofore entitled; but no such county board so changing such compensation shall subsequently change the compensation of any such officer otherwise than as provided in subdivision 1 of this section.* Such salaries shall be paid at the end of each month.

5. Any action heretofore taken by any county board upon this subject, so far as it is consistent with this section, is hereby validated.

6. The county board of any county in which a register in probate may be appointed, the salary of which register is not now fixed by law, may, in its discretion, from time to time, fix the salary of such register, which shall be payable at the end of each month.

(Ch. 376, 1907.)

Workhouses: offenses warranting commitments; prisoners may use tobacco.* SECTION 697c. Upon the comple-

* In force after Jan. 1, 1908.

tion of any such work-house the county clerk shall notify in writing each justice of the peace, police justice and the judge of every court held in his county of the fact and thereafter whenever any male person over sixteen years of age shall be convicted within such county of any offense * * * of which a justice of the peace under the general law has jurisdiction to hear, try and determine he shall be punished by imprisonment in the work-house at hard manual labor, and the commitment shall be to such work-house at hard manual labor. Any person committed to such work-house who shall, being of sufficient ability to do so, refuse to work diligently may be punished by being placed in solitary confinement therein not to exceed ten days for each refusal to so work, the period of such confinement being discretionary with the superintendent, and shall receive bread and water only during such time. No * * * intoxicating beverage shall be furnished to or used by any person committed to any work-house during his confinement therein.

(Ch. 341, 1907.)

Employees allowed to counties of 150,000. SECTION 706. Every such clerk shall appoint a deputy in writing under his hand, and shall file such appointment in his office; and such deputy clerk shall aid in the performance of the duties of such clerk under his direction, and in case of his absence or disability or of a vacancy in his office, shall perform all the duties of such clerk during such absence or until such vacancy shall be filled; and every such clerk and his sureties shall be liable upon his official bond for the acts of his deputies; and the county board may in its discretion at its annual meeting or at any special meeting, provide a salary for such deputy clerk which shall be paid at the same time and in the same manner as county officers.

In counties having a population exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand according to the last state or national census, such clerks may also appoint * * * *six* assistants in his office who shall be known as chief clerk, * * * *redemption clerk, license clerk, stationery clerk, copyist, and stenographer*; said assistants shall receive a salary to be fixed by the board of supervisors, and shall be paid as other county officers and employees are paid; and such clerk and his sureties shall be liable upon his bond for the acts of said chief clerk, * * * *redemption clerk, license clerk, stationery clerk, copyist and stenographer* so appointed.

(Ch. 195, 1907.)