

The justices of said court may appoint an assistant to the supreme court reporter. The person so appointed shall receive such compensation as said justices shall deem reasonable, not exceeding * * * two thousand dollars per year. Said appointment shall be made in writing, filed in the office of the secretary of state, and the salary to be paid * * * the appointee shall be specified therein.

The trustees of the state library are authorized to employ additional help for the supreme court reporter as the same may in their judgment be deemed necessary to secure the prompt publication of the decisions of the supreme court, the expense of such help not to exceed five thousand dollars per year, and to be paid on warrants drawn by the secretary of state on bills audited by the trustees, evidenced by the signatures of the president and secretary of the board. The persons employed under this provision shall be deemed assistants and employes of the supreme court.

SECTION 2. *A sum sufficient to defray the expense, within the limitation mentioned, is appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated.*

SECTION 3. Chapter 328, laws of 1899, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved May 26, 1909.

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CHAPTER 207.

AN ACT to amend section 1502 of the statutes, relating to support of poor relatives.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1502 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 1502. The father, mother, husband, children and wife being of sufficient ability, of any poor person who is blind, old, lame, impotent or decrepit so as to be unable to maintain himself, shall, at their own charge, relieve and maintain such poor person, or persons, infant or adult, as the case may be, in such manner as shall be approved * * * by the proper authorities who have charge of the poor where such poor person or persons may be, provided that no child of school age shall be compelled, by the provisions of this act, to labor contrary to the provisions of the child labor laws of this state.

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

Approved May 27, 1909.

No. 705, A.]

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CHAPTER 208.

AN ACT to amend section 4415 of the statutes, relating to the larceny of gas, etc., and the use of false weights and measures.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4415 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 4415. Any person, who shall commit the crime of larceny by stealing the property of another, any money, goods or chattels, or any bank note, bond, promissory note, bill of exchange, order, certificate, book of account, conveyance of real estate, bill of sale, mortgage, valuable contract, receipt, release, defeasance, railroad passenger ticket, ticket of admission to any place, any writ, process, public record, or any instrument in writing whereby any demand, right or obligation is created, increased, diminished or extinguished, or who shall wrongfully divert, and apply to his own use or wrongfully deprive the owner of any gas, water, steam or electricity, or any personal property whatever, *if the value thereof shall exceed twenty-five thousand dollars, he shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison not more than twenty-five years nor less than ten years; if the value thereof shall be less than twenty-five thousand dollars and more than ten thousand dollars, he shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison not more than twenty years nor less than five years; if the value thereof shall be less than ten thousand dollars and more than one thousand dollars, he shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison not more than ten years nor less than one year; if the value thereof shall exceed one hundred dollars, shall, unless it be otherwise provided in these statutes as to some particular offense, be punished by imprisonment in the state prison not more than five years nor less than one year; and if the value thereof shall not exceed one hundred dollars and shall exceed twenty dollars he shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison or county jail not more than one year nor less than six months or by fine not exceeding two hundred dollars; and if the value thereof shall not exceed twenty dollars he shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not more than six months or by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars; and the value of a railroad ticket shall be the price for which it is au-*