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CHAPTER 229.

AN ACT to create section 752m of the statutes, relating to duties of district attorneys.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes a new section to read: Section 752m. It shall be the duty of the district attorney, under the supervision and direction of the attorney general, and upon his request to brief and argue all criminal cases brought by appeal or writ of error or certified from his county to the supreme court. For such services so rendered such district attorney shall receive from his county his actual expenses.

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

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CHAPTER 230.

AN ACT to amend section 127a of the statutes, relating to commissioners on uniform legislation and making an appropriation therefor.

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

SECTION 1. Section 127a of the statutes is hereby amended to read: Section 127a. * * * *Within thirty days after the passage and publication of this act the governor shall appoint three commissioners who are hereby constituted a board of commissioners by the name and style of "Commissioners for the Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation in the United States."* The term of office of each such commissioner shall be three years from the first Monday of June in the year in which he is appointed, provided that the terms of the commissioners first appointed under this act shall be for one, two, and three years, respectively, from the first Monday of June, 1909. Vacancies shall be filled for the residue of the unexpired term. It shall be the duty of said board to examine the subjects of marriage and divorce, insolvency, the form of notarial certificates, descent and distribution of property, acknowledgment of deeds,

execution, and probate of wills, commercial papers, and other legal subjects on which uniformity of legislation is desirable; to ascertain the best means to effect uniformity in the laws of the states; to represent this state in conventions of like commissioners of other states; to consider and draft bills to be submitted to the legislatures of the several states; and to devise and recommend such other course of action as shall best accomplish the purposes for which it is appointed. *No member of said board shall receive any compensation for his services, but each member shall be repaid from the state treasury the amount of his actual travelling and other expenses incurred in the discharge of his official duty, after the same shall have been audited by the secretary of state as provided in section 145 of the statutes. There is appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated a sufficient sum to pay the expenses of said commissioners when so audited, not exceeding five hundred dollars.* Said board shall report to the governor before the time fixed for the meeting of the legislature, * * * *an account of its transactions and its advice and recommendations to the legislature, which report shall be communicated to the legislature by the governor.*

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

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CHAPTER 231.

AN ACT to amend subsection 1 of section 4041a of the statutes, relating to attorney fees in contests in courts of record with reference to the application for the probate of wills.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection 1 of section 4041a of the statutes is amended to read: (Section 4041a.) 1. Any court of record, in contests * * * therein, upon application for the probate of any will, in its discretion, may allow to the proponent of such will a reasonable attorney's fee to be paid out of the estate of the decedent, and may also in its discretion, allow to the contestant if successful in the circuit court a reasonable attorney's fee out of said estate for services in such contest in said circuit court.

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