

any horse thief knowing him to be such, or who shall conceal any such animal, knowing the same to have been stolen, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison not more than fifteen years nor less than \* \* \* *one* \* \* \* *year*, or by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed one year, or by fine not to exceed five hundred dollars.

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## CHAPTER 326.

AN ACT to create section 762m of the statutes, relating to the county abstractor in counties having a population of sixty thousand and over.

*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 762m. 1. Whenever any county having a population of sixty thousand and over shall adopt tract indices and a chain of title system, the county board of supervisors of any such county may create a department to be known as an abstract department either in connection with or independent of the office of the register of deeds, as said county board shall deem advisable. The county board may elect a competent person for a term of two years who shall be known as the county abstractor, who shall have charge of and operate said abstract department, that the county board shall cause to be furnished a seal for said county abstractor and that said county abstractor shall place said seal on each and every abstract issued by him. The register of deeds shall be eligible to the office of county abstractor and may hold both offices at the same time. The county abstractor shall at all times on demand of any person and on payment of the fee therefor make and deliver to any such person an abstract of title to any land in such county.

2. Before entering upon the duties of his office the county abstractor shall execute and file with the county clerk a bond in such sum as the county board shall prescribe, not less than five thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful and impartial performance of the duties of said office to the best of his ability and to pay to the treasurer of his county all money that shall come into his hands by virtue of his office and to deliver up to his successor in office all books, records, maps, deeds, mortgages and other things, belonging to said office.

3. The county board shall fix the salary of said abstractor.

provide such clerical assistance as may be necessary and fix their compensation and shall fix the fees to be received for the compiling and furnishing of abstracts and may at any time prescribe regulations for the operation and conduct of said department. All fees received for the compiling and furnishing of abstracts shall be paid into the county treasury. The county board may by two-thirds vote of all the members of said board discontinue the furnishing of abstracts.

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

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## CHAPTER 327.

AN ACT to appropriate money for the purchase or acquisition and improvement of state parks and to defray the expenses of the state park board.

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

SECTION 1. 1. There is appropriated to the state park board out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of fifty thousand dollars annually, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1910, and June 30, 1911.

2. The amount so appropriated shall be expended by the state park board in defraying the expenses of the board under the provisions of section 1494t—2, and in the purchase or acquisition and improvement of state parks, provided that no purchase or acquisition of a park or site for a park, shall be made except upon the written approval of the governor.

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## CHAPTER 328.

AN ACT to amend section 4390 of the statutes, relating to doors that shall swing outward and to fire escapes.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4390 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 4390. Every building now or hereafter used, in whole or in part, as a public building, public or private institution, hotel, inn, schoolhouse, church, public hall, place of assemblage,