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CHAPTER 9.

AN ACT to create section 29m of chapter 549, laws of 1909, relating to the civil courts of Milwaukee county, dividing the same into branches, and providing for the numbering thereof.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 549, laws of 1909, a new section to read: Section 29m. 1. For the purpose of convenience in the transaction of business and certainty in filling judicial positions, the civil court of Milwaukee county is hereby divided into branches to be numbered from one upward, and hereafter the election and appointment of judges thereof, whether for a full term or to fill a vacancy, shall be for a certain numbered branch of said court. Notice of election shall plainly state the number of judges to be voted for, the name or names of judges whose successors are to be voted for, and the number of the branch of such court presided over by each. One ballot box shall be used and the official ballot shall contain the names of all candidates regularly nominated as now provided by law, designating such candidacy as "For civil judge: (Branch No.....)." Each elector may vote for one candidate for each branch of the court required to be filled at such election, and the person receiving the highest number of votes for civil judge for any particular branch shall be declared elected as the judge of such branch and the successor of the incumbent thereof, if any.

2. That branch of said court now presided over by Joseph G. Donnelly is hereby designated as branch number 1; that presided over by John J. Gregory, as branch number 2; that presided over by Michael F. Blenski, as branch number 3; that presided over by John F. Donovan, as branch number 4; that presided over by Henry Cummings, as branch number 5; that presided over by Joseph E. Cordes, as branch number 6; and that presided over by Richard Elsner, as branch number 7.

3. Orders to show cause, motions, and subpoenas, if made returnable before a certain branch of said court by designating the number thereof, shall be as valid and effective as though made returnable before a certain named judge of said court; and all acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

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

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