

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 314.

AN ACT to create section 66.025 of the statutes, relating to annexation of territory owned by cities and villages.

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

SECTION 1. A new section is added to the statutes to read: 66.025 In addition to other methods provided by law, territory owned by and lying near but not necessarily contiguous to a village or city may be annexed thereto by ordinance adopted by the board of trustees of such village or the council of such city. Such ordinance shall contain the exact description of the territory annexed and the names of the town or towns from which detached and shall operate to attach such territory to such village or city upon the filing of a certified copy thereof in the office of the secretary of state.

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CHAPTER 315.

AN ACT to amend section 1, subsection 12 of section 7, and subsection 7 of section 16 of chapter 218 of the laws of 1923, relating to the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the county court of Wood county, Wisconsin.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1, subsection 12 of section 7, and subsection 7 of section 16 of chapter 218 of the laws of 1923 are amended to read: (Chapter 218, laws of 1923) Section 1. There is hereby

conferred on the county court of Wood county jurisdiction in all civil actions and proceedings in law and equity, concurrent with and equal with the jurisdiction of the circuit court in said county, for all claims, demands and sums *and* to and concerning all property, not exceeding the sum or value of five thousand dollars; provided, that said county court shall have jurisdiction of all actions in said county for the foreclosure of *contracts for the sale or exchange of lands*, mortgages and * * * liens, in which the amount claimed does not exceed the sum above mentioned, although the property to be affected by the judgment exceeds the sum of five thousand dollars in value; and of all actions for divorce or for affirmance or annulment of marriage contracts; and all actions for removing clouds and quieting title to real estate and all actions for partition of real estate; *and all actions for the specific performance of contracts* and in all bastardy actions and in all criminal cases except felonies; and to the amount and within the limits aforesaid the said county court shall be a court of general jurisdiction with the same power and jurisdiction in all civil and criminal actions and proceedings, and including the power of review of records on certiorari, discharging mortgages of record, and such other special powers as are now or may hereafter be conferred by the statutes upon the circuit court, coming within the above limitations, as belong to and are exercised by the circuit court in and for said county. *In case of counterclaim for an amount exceeding five thousand dollars is duly pleaded in said county court, the judge shall transfer and certify such action to the circuit court of Wood county.*

(Chapter 218, laws of 1923) (Section 7) 12. Whenever any civil or criminal action or other proceeding exclusive of preliminary examinations in criminal cases and bastardy actions, shall be removed from any justice of the peace of said county of Wood upon the oath of the defendant, his agent or attorney according to the provisions of law for such removal, the said action or proceeding shall be removed to said county court, and all papers therein shall be transmitted by mail or otherwise to the said county judge at the city of Wisconsin Rapids, in said county, who shall then proceed with such action or proceeding in the same manner as if originally instituted before him; and when any *civil* or criminal action is removed to said county court in the manner provided in this section, the justice of the peace before whom the same was originally brought, may, without the consent of either

party, adjourn said action not exceeding three days for hearing before said county court and *in criminal actions* admit the defendant or defendants to bail to appear before said county court on such adjourned day and from time to time thereafter until discharged by law.

(Chapter 218, laws of 1923) (Section 16) 7. If a jury shall be required to make an assessment of damages in any case, the same shall be drawn from the names * * * in such box, or the court may direct the same to be had and taken by any jury summoned in any other case, or may direct the clerk to issue a venire to summon a special jury for that purpose, to be composed of persons qualified to serve as jurors in said court, and unless objections are made, such assessments of damages may be made by the court, or the judge thereof, without the intervention of a jury.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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No. 542, A.]

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CHAPTER 316.

AN ACT to create section 40.025 of the statutes, relating to attachment to other districts of territory of dissolved school districts.

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

SECTION 1. A new section is added to the statutes to read: 40.025 (1) Whenever that portion of a school district in any town which contains the schoolhouse is annexed to a city or village, the county superintendent of schools shall file with the town board a recommendation for the attachment of the remnant of such district to some other district or districts in the town. A hearing upon such matter shall be afforded by the town board in accordance with section 40.04.

(2) After such hearing the board shall make such order for the attachment of the remnant of such district to such other district or districts in the town as it may deem proper and by the same order shall dissolve the former district. Such order shall