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**CHAPTER 463.**

AN ACT to renumber section 252.15 of the statutes to be subsection (1) of said section and to create subsection (2) of said section of the statutes, relating to court commissioners.

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

SECTION 1. Section 252.15 of the statutes is renumbered to be subsection (1) of said section.

SECTION 2. A new subsection is added to section 252.15 of the statutes to be numbered and to read: (252.15) (2) In each county constituting an entire judicial circuit with three or more branches, the circuit judges may designate two or more court commissioners to make findings of fact and conclusions of law in actions brought to foreclose mortgages or mechanics' liens. Said circuit judges may also refer to said court commissioners the following cases:

(a) When the trial of an issue of fact shall require the examination of a long account on either side; in which case the court commissioner may be directed to hear and decide the whole issue or to report upon any specific question of fact involved therein; or

(b) When the taking of an account shall be necessary for the information of the court before judgment or for carrying a judgment or order into effect; or

(c) When a question of fact, other than upon the pleading, shall arise upon motion or otherwise in any stage of the action.

The compensation of the court commissioners for such service shall be fixed by the circuit judges, including fees for reporting services, and such compensation shall be in full for all services performed by such court commissioners. No transcript of testimony taken before said court commissioners shall be reduced to typewriting unless specifically authorized by the circuit judges.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved July 25, 1933.