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**CHAPTER 203.**

AN ACT to amend 59.51 (11), 59.57 (1) (b), 59.57 (6), 74.76 (4), 124.02 (1) (b) and 343.722; and to create 59.57 (1) (am) of the statutes, relating to the requirements for filing certain documents, amending the fees for filing or recording, and providing a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. 59.51 (11) of the statutes is amended to read:

59.51 (11) To file, indorse, enter and index all bills of sale, chattel mortgages, conditional sales contracts, assignments, releases and renewals, or copies thereof, affidavits relating thereto, and foreclosure affidavits, as provided by law. These documents shall be executed on white or light colored sheets of paper, of not less than 24 substance, or if bond paper, not less than 13 substance, either of which papers shall contain at least 50 per cent rag content, \* \* \* 8½ inches wide and 7, 10½ or 14 inches long. Provided, whenever after \* \* \* *July 1, \* \* \** 1943, there shall be offered for filing any instrument which varies from the approved \* \* \* substance of paper, or varies more than one-eighth of an inch from the approved size, then in addition to the regular filing fee an additional filing fee shall be made by such register of deeds, as prescribed by section 59.57. No assignment, release, or other instrument shall be offered for filing which is executed or indorsed on any other document, but each shall be a separate and distinct instrument, excepting those assignments printed or written on and immediately following the original document, offered for filing at the same time, shall be considered as one instrument. No chattel mortgage or conditional sale contract shall be filed without the post-office addresses of the parties. All assignments, releases, statements, renewals or extensions, or foreclosure affidavits of any chattel mortgage or conditional sale contract shall contain the date of such chattel mortgage or conditional sale contract, its filing date and document number. The register or any of his assistants shall not stamp any original document numbers or filing dates on any instrument except those left with him for filing, or certified copies. All these instruments shall be legibly written.

SECTION 2. 59.57 (1) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

59.57 (1) (am) An extra charge of 10 cents per folio or fraction thereof shall be made on approved forms for all descriptions in excess of 2 folios, and a charge of 3 cents shall be made for every entry in the tract index in excess of 3.

SECTION 3. 59.57 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

59.57 (1) (b) For entering and recording other instruments 10 cents per folio, and 3 cents for every necessary entry in a tract index \* \* \* *in excess of 3 entries in counties where a tract index is kept; with a minimum fee of 60 cents for any quit claim deed, \$1 for any other deed, \$1 for any mortgage, and 50 cents for any other instrument.* No extra charge shall be made for a description in any instrument of less than 2 folios.

SECTION 4. 59.57 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

59.57 (6) For filing and entering bills of sale, chattel mortgages, conditional sales contracts, assignments and renewals or copies thereof, foreclosure affidavits, or any other paper relating thereto, 50 cents; and for filing and entering releases thereof, 25 cents for each instrument released. Chattel mortgages or conditional sales contracts, together with a printed or written assignment thereon, offered for filing at the same time, shall be considered as one instrument receiving but one document number. The filing fee for such instruments shall be 50 cents. Whenever after \* \* \* *July 1, \* \* \* 1943*, there shall be offered for filing any instrument which varies from the approved \* \* \* substance of paper *or varies more than one-eighth of an inch from the approved size* as prescribed by section 59.51, an additional filing fee of one-half the regular fee shall be made by such register.

SECTION 5. 74.76 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

74.76 (4) The register of deeds shall accept, file and record such notice without prepayment of any fee but \* \* \* *a fee of 75 cents* shall be added to the amount of such lien and collected when satisfaction is presented for entry. Such lien shall be satisfied of record upon presentation of the collector's certificate of discharge thereof and payment of the fees.

SECTION 6. 124.02 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

124.02 (1) (b) File for record the certificate in the office of the register of deeds of the county in which the principal place of

business is located. *The register of deeds shall be entitled to a fee of \$1 for each such filing.*

SECTION 7. 343.722 of the statutes is amended to read:

343.722 Any person or persons who shall engage in or advertise any mercantile or commission business under a name purporting or appearing to be a corporate name, with intent thereby to obtain credit, and which name does not disclose the real name or names of one or more of the persons engaged in said business, without first filing in the office of the register of deeds of the county wherein his or their principal place of business may be, a verified statement disclosing and showing the name \* \* \* or names of all persons using such name, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not to exceed \$1,000 or by imprisonment in the county jail not more than one year. *The register of deeds shall be entitled to a fee of \$1 for each such filing.*

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#### CHAPTER 204.

AN ACT to create 61.20 (4) of the statutes, relating to authorization of change in number of village trustees.

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

61.20 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

61.20 (4) Any village may by ordinance change the number of trustees, but such change in the number of trustees shall not affect the term of office of trustees elected prior to the adoption of such ordinance authorizing such change.

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