

CHAPTER 683

AN ACT to amend section 4; and to repeal and recreate sections 3, 7, 8 and 9, of chapter 158, laws of 1951, relating to matters in connection with the additional jurisdiction of the county court, and its judge, of La Crosse county.

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

SECTION 1. Section 3 of chapter 158, laws of 1951, is repealed and recreated to read:

(Chapter 158, laws of 1951) SECTION 3. The judge of said county court may appoint and remove at pleasure a clerk of said county court in all proceedings had under the provisions of this act and any amendments hereto, who shall be styled "Clerk of the Special Branch, County Court, La Crosse County, Wisconsin." Such clerk shall receive such compensation as determined by the judge of said county court subject to the approval of the county board. The clerk shall keep a record of such proceedings of the court substantially in the same form as the docket of a justice of the peace, and perform all the ministerial acts required of him by and under the direction of said county court, such acts not to be limited to those arising from this additional jurisdiction.

SECTION 2. Section 4 of chapter 158, laws of 1951, is amended to read:

(Chapter 158, laws of 1951) SECTION 4. No criminal or bastardy action or proceedings or prosecution under the police regulation of the state, shall be removable from said county court for trial or examination; but when it shall appear, by the affidavit of the accused or of his attorney, that the judge thereof is disqualified, by reason of prejudice or other cause, to hear or try any such action or proceeding, he shall, and if by reason of absence, sickness or temporary disability he is unable to perform his duties, he may, by order in writing to be filed in said court, call in any justice of the peace of said county to act in his stead; and in case of the inability of the county judge to make such order, the same may be made by the circuit judge of La Crosse county; and such justice of the peace, when so called in, shall have and possess all the powers and authority conferred, and shall perform all the duties imposed upon said county judge by this act. Such justice of the peace shall receive from the county treasurer the sum of * * * \$20 for each day and * * * \$10 for each half day during which he shall so serve or such other compensation as may be fixed by the county board.

SECTION 3. Sections 7, 8 and 9 of chapter 158, laws of 1951, are repealed and recreated to read:

SECTION 7. It is lawful for said county judge to charge and collect the same fees in all actions or proceedings in said court as are allowed by law to justices of the peace in similar cases. The clerk of said court shall collect such fees, issue receipts therefor, and keep an itemized account of all money received from defendants in all prosecutions in said court; all fees, costs, fines and penalties shall be by the said clerk of the county court paid over to the county treasurer at the end of each and every month, and the receipt therefor filed in the office of the county clerk of said county.

SECTION 8. Said county judge shall hold his court for the trial and examination of criminal cases and prosecutions under the police regula-

tions of the state and ordinances of the county and towns within La Crosse county, at reasonable times designated by said judge, in the county court house. All necessary expenses for the proper functioning of said court shall be furnished by the county.

SECTION 9. Said county judge shall be paid as compensation for the performance of the duties herein imposed upon him, an annual salary to be determined by the county board, which shall be in addition to the compensation to which he is entitled under the general statutes of the state, and to the salary fixed by the county board for the performance of the regular and usual duties of county judge; said sum shall be paid to him by the county treasurer as other salaries of county officers are paid.

Approved November 8, 1957.
