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**CHAPTER 420**

AN ACT to repeal 235.23, 235.24 and 235.25; to amend 235.26; to repeal and recreate 235.21; and to create 235.22 of the statutes, relating to acknowledgments.

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

SECTION 1. 235.21 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

235.21 EFFECT OF SEAL IF LEGIBLE. When the seal affixed to a certificate of acknowledgment contains the name and the official title of the officer, any error in stating, or failure to state otherwise the official title of the officer, shall not render the certificate defective.

SECTION 2. 235.22 of the statutes is created to read:

235.22 EXECUTION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT ABROAD. Any conveyance or instrument requiring an acknowledgment executed without this state may be executed and acknowledged according to the laws of the place of its execution, and if so executed and acknowledged, the certificate of acknowledgment may state that fact in lieu of other proof thereof.

SECTION 3. 235.23, 235.24 and 235.25 of the statutes are repealed.

SECTION 4. 235.26 of the statutes is amended to read:

235.26 Every married woman of full age residing in this state or elsewhere may, by joint or separate deed, convey her lands in this state or any interest therein or by joint or separate deed of conveyance release her dower in any lands of her husband which have been conveyed voluntarily by him or upon execution, judgment of foreclosure or decree of court in the same manner and with like effect as if she were unmarried; and every conveyance of any such real estate or interest therein, executed and acknowledged by any married woman in the manner prescribed in this chapter, shall have the same effect as if she were unmarried. \* \* \*

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