

## CHAPTER 303.

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**303.01 Execution; stay.** (1) If the undertaking mentioned in section 303.02 is given, execution upon the judgment shall be stayed for 60 days calculated from its date but a longer period may be agreed upon.

(2) Except upon appeal, execution shall not be stayed upon a judgment against a corporation, or for manual labor performed by the creditor; nor upon a judgment under sections 303.25 and 303.26.

**303.02 Undertaking to be given.** To obtain such stay of execution some responsible person, approved by the justice and not a party to the judgment, must, within 5 days after judgment is rendered, execute an undertaking before the justice as provided in section 303.03.

**303.03 Form of undertaking.** The undertaking must be signed by the surety and may be in substantially the following form:

Whereas, .... obtained judgment before ...., a justice of the peace at ...., county of ...., on the .... day of ...., 19.., against ...., I agree that if such judgment, costs and interest are not paid before the expiration of 60 days from said date, execution may issue against me as provided by section 303.05, Wisconsin Statutes.

(signed) A. B.

A. B. is approved as surety.

...., Justice of the Peace.

**303.04 Execution revoked.** If a judgment is stayed after an execution has issued the justice shall revoke the execution and, if the defendant has been committed, the justice shall order him discharged.

**303.05 Issue of execution after stay expired.** At the expiration of the stay, if the judgment has not been paid, execution may issue against both the debtor and the surety; if the debtor does not satisfy the execution and the officer cannot find sufficient property belonging to him upon which to levy, he shall levy upon the property of the surety, and in his return shall state what amount was collected from the surety and the time it was received.

**303.06 Rights of surety against principal.** Upon the return of the execution the surety may, on notice and motion, have judgment against the debtor before the justice for the amount collected from him by execution, with interest thereon and costs. No such motion shall be made after 3 months from the return of the execution.

**303.07 Execution within 5 years.** Upon every justice court judgment, except when stayed, execution shall be issued by the justice lawfully having custody of the judgment docket at any time, upon demand, within 5 years from its rendition.

**303.08 Execution against the body.** An execution may issue against the person of the defendant when the action is founded on tort or is for a statutory penalty or forfeiture; but no body execution shall issue against a female person.

**303.09 Execution, what to direct.** The execution shall command the officer to collect the judgment, and interest thereon, out of the personal property of the judgment debtor not exempt by law from execution, and to pay the money within 30 days from its date to the justice who issued the execution; and if imprisonment is authorized, it shall



**303.18 Notice of sale.** The officer, without delay, shall prepare and sign a notice stating the time and place of sale of the described property and at least 10 days before the day of sale he shall post the notice at 3 public places in the town where the property is to be sold.

**303.19 Sale to highest bidder.** At the time and place so appointed or at such time as the sale may be adjourned to, within the life of the execution, the property being present and pointed out to the inspection and examination of the bidders, the officer shall sell it to the highest bidder.

**303.20 Officer not to purchase.** No officer shall purchase, directly or indirectly, any property upon any sale made by him upon execution; and every such purchase shall be void.

**303.21 Return of execution; surplus.** The officer shall return the execution and, after deducting the expense of sale, pay the judgment and costs collected to the justice having custody of the docket, returning the surplus, if any, to the judgment debtor.

**303.22 Body, when taken.** For want of property to satisfy the execution the officer shall, if the execution requires it, take the body of the execution debtor and convey him to the county jail; and the keeper thereof shall keep him in jail until the debt and costs are paid or he is discharged.

**303.23 Proceedings after officer's term.** Every constable to whom any execution has been delivered and whose term of office expires before the time within which the return of the execution is required shall proceed thereon the same as if his term of office had not expired; and he and his sureties shall be liable for any neglect of duty and for moneys collected upon the execution, the same as if his term of office had not expired.

**303.24 Property of principal debtor first taken.** Every officer having an execution for collection, upon being served with an affidavit, made by any codefendant in the execution, or his attorney, showing the principal debtor therein, shall first exhaust all the personal property of the principal debtor before selling the property of any defendant who is surety in the demand upon which judgment was rendered.

**303.25 Neglect to return execution.** If an officer neglects to return an execution within 5 days after the return day or neglects to serve it, the party in whose favor it was issued may maintain an action against the officer, and shall recover the amount of the execution, with interest from the date of the judgment.

**303.26 Action for not paying money.** If money collected by an officer upon an execution is not paid over by him according to law, an action may be maintained by the party entitled to the money, in his own name, upon the officer's bond, and in such action the amount collected with interest from the time of collection, shall be recovered.

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