

CHAPTER 15.

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AN ACT relating to actions concerning real estate, and amendatory of chapter one hundred and forty-six, revised statutes.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter one hundred and forty-six of the revised statutes of Wisconsin, is hereby amended by adding thereto, what shall be known as section nineteen, and reading as follows: If the plaintiff in an action relative to real estate, or to quiet title thereto, cannot ascertain who are proper persons or parties to make defendants as to any tract or parcel of land described in the complaint, or if any parties having an interest in any such lands are unknown, and such facts be made to appear by affidavit, an order may be made by the court or the judge thereof, county judge or court commissioner, containing a description of the premises embraced within the suit, and requiring all parties interested to appear and answer the complaint, by a day in such order to be specified; which order shall be served personally, or shall be published once in each week successively, in such paper as may be designated in such order, and for such time as the court shall designate, not less than six weeks and not exceeding three months. The proof of personal service, or of the publication of such order, shall authorize the court to proceed to final judgment against all such unknown parties and persons not resident in this state or not found therein, as shall not appear and answer by the day mentioned in the order, or on such further day as the court may appoint, in the same manner as provided in other cases of failure to answer the complaint; and all such unknown parties as may appear shall be entitled to be made parties to the action, and the complaint may be amended accordingly.

Amended.

Shall make an order containing description of lands.

Upon proof of service of order, judgment may be entered.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved February 10, 1873.