

number ten (10) shall be responsible for the acts of his deputies the same as now provided by law.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 23, 1882.

[No. 181, S.]

[Published April 7, 1882.]

### CHAPTER 194.

AN ACT to amend section 4096, of chapter 176, revised statutes entitled "of evidence."

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

SECTION 1. Section 4096 of the revised statutes of 1878 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "party," in the third line of said section, the words "or in case a corporation be a party, the examination of the president, secretary, other principal officer or managing agent of such corporation," so that, when amended, said section shall read as follows: Section 4096.

*Of evidence.* No action to obtain a discovery under oath, in aid of the prosecution or defense of another action, shall be allowed; but the examination of a party, or, in case a corporation be a party, the examination of the president, secretary, other principal officer or general managing agent of such corporation, otherwise than as a witness on a trial, may be taken by deposition at the instance of the adverse party, in any action or proceeding, at any time after the commencement thereof, and before judgment. Such deposition shall be taken before a judge at chambers, on a previous notice to such party, and any other adverse party, or their respective attorneys, of at least five days; or it may be taken without the state upon commission, in the manner provided for taking other depositions. The attendance of the party to be examined may be compelled upon subpoena and the payment or tender of his fees as a witness; and such examination shall be subject to the same rules as that of any other witness, but he shall not be compelled to disclose anything not relevant to the controversy. On motion, and one day's notice, the court, or presiding judge thereof in which the action or proceeding is pending, may, before the examination is begun, by order, limit the subjects to which such examination shall extend; but the party examining shall in all cases be allowed to examine upon oral interrogatories. Such examination shall not be compelled in

any other county than that in which the party to be examined resides.

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

Approved March 23, 1882.

[No. 133, S.]

[Published April 1, 1882.]

### CHAPTER 195.

AN ACT to appropriate to the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Association a sum of money therein named.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Association the sum of five hundred dollars. Wisconsin Industrial Association.

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

Approved March 23, 1882.

[No. 176, S.]

[Published March 26, 1882.]

### CHAPTER 196.

AN ACT relating to telephone companies and to regulate the use and rental of telephones in this state.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of every telephone company, or person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of leasing telephones to the public, or supplying the public with telephones and telephonic service, or operating a telephone exchange, to receive and transmit without discrimination messages from and for any other company, person or persons, upon tender or payment of the usual or customary charges therefor; and upon payment or tender of the usual or customary charges therefor, or usual or customary rental sum, it shall be the duty of every telephone company or person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of leasing telephones to the public, or supplying the public with telephones and telephonic service or operating a telephone exchange to furnish, without unreasonable delay, without discrimination and without any further or additional charge to the person, firm or corporation applying for the same, including all telegraph companies, a telephone or telephones with all the proper or necessary fixtures, as well as connection with the cen- Rental of telephones.