

such check is made payable, shall, if such check is presented and remains unpaid for five days after its date and payment thereof refused, on account of the maker having no funds or money on deposit with which to pay such check, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail not more than one year.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.
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CHAPTER 137.

AN ACT to amend sections 4866, 4867, 4868 and 4869 of the revised statutes, relating to inquests of the dead.

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

Amending section 4866, revised statutes.

SECTION 1. Section 4866, of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting before the words, "any constable," where they occur in said section, the words, "the sheriff or."

Amending sections 4867, 4868, and 4869, revised statutes.

SECTION 2. Sections 4867, 4868 and 4869, of the revised statutes are hereby amended by striking out the word, "constable," wherever it occurs, and in lieu thereof insert the word, "officer," so that said sections, when amended, shall read as follows: Section 4866. Whenever any justice of the peace shall have notice that the dead body of any person, supposed to have come to his death by violence or casualty, has been found within his county, he shall issue a precept to the sheriff or any constable of the county where such dead body is, requiring such sheriff or constable forthwith to summon a jury of six good and lawful men of the county to appear before him at the time and place specified in the precept, which precept shall be in substance as follows:

The state of Wisconsin, to the sheriff or any constable of the county of _____:

You are hereby required immediately to summon six good and lawful men of the county of _____, to appear forthwith before me at _____, in the town of _____, to inquire upon the view of the body of _____, there lying dead, how and by what means he came to his death.

Given under my hand this _____ day of _____, 18—.

J— P—, Justice of the Peace.

Section 4867. Every officer to whom such precept shall be directed and delivered shall forthwith execute the same and make return of the precept, with his proceedings thereon, to the justice who issued the same. Section 4868. If any officer shall refuse or neglect to execute such precept or to return the same as aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars, and every person summoned as a juror, as aforesaid, who shall fail to appear without having a reasonable excuse, shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding five dollars. Section 4869. If six jurors shall not appear at the time and place appointed, the justice may require the officer to summon such number of jurors as shall make up the number six, and when the requisite number so summoned shall appear, the justice shall there, in view of the dead body, administer to them an oath or affirmation in substance as follows, viz.: You do solemnly swear that you will diligently inquire in behalf of this state, when, in what manner and by what means the person whose body lies here dead came to his death; that you will return a true inquest thereon, according to your knowledge and such evidence as shall be laid before you.

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

Approved March 25, 1887.