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CHAPTER 379.

AN ACT to provide for the preparation and publication of the statutes of 1898, the furnishing of the same to public officers and for other purposes.

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

Powers of revisors of statutes of 1898.

SECTION 1. The revisors authorized by chapter 306, of the laws of 1895, to prepare and publish the statutes of 1898 are, pursuant to the powers conferred upon them by section 1 of said act, and the duties to be performed by them under section 2 of said act, further authorized, as soon as practicable after the adjournment of the adjourned session of the legislature of 1897, to prepare the statutes of 1898, by including therein the act for the revision of the statutes adopted by the legislature of 1897, and those sections of the annotated statutes therein mentioned, as constituting the statutes of 1898. In performing the said work, the revisors may correct punctuation, errors in spelling, may use such sub-heads as may be necessary or convenient, may use section numbers instead of words, expressing the number of the chapter or the number of the section, in any part of said statutes, and may omit paragraph numbers in sections, if deemed expedient. They shall prepare the said statutes upon the general plan and style of the annotated statutes, and shall cause the same to be printed and bound in sheep in a style and workmanship equal to the annotated statutes, and the said statutes of 1898 shall take effect and be in force on and after the first day of September, 1898, and the publication of said general laws in said statutes of 1898 shall be a sufficient publication thereof, and no other or further publication shall be necessary. They

Statutes to conform to style of annotated statutes.

shall furnish to the state ten thousand sets of said statutes at six dollars per set, so many thereof as shall be at once required to carry out the purposes of this act, to be furnished on or before the first day of September, 1898, and the balance of said ten thousand sets as may be required thereafter, not later than September, first, 1900, to be distributed in the same manner as the session laws are distributed by law, and that the state may at any time purchase additional sets thereof at the same price. The compilers or revisors shall also furnish said statutes to all citizens of this state at six dollars per set, and neither they nor the publishers shall furnish them to such citizens for less than that price. One copy or set of said statutes shall also be furnished by the superintendent of public property to each member and elective officer of the legislature of 1897, and to each member and elective officer of succeeding legislatures, and he shall furnish so many copies or sets as may be ordered by joint resolution of the legislature for the use of its committees or for other purposes. The superintendent of public property shall forward said statutes herein directed to be, for the use of county, city, village and town officers to the several county clerks, who shall deliver them to the officers hereinbefore designated. The copy of the statutes delivered to any person except members and officers of the legislature, on account of any office held by him, shall have stamped or written thereon the name of the office held by such person, and shall be kept for the use of such office; and when he ceases to hold such office, he shall deliver the same to his successor, and take the receipt of his successor therefor, and deposit such receipt, if a town officer, with the town clerk, and if a county officer, with the register of deeds; and any person who shall neglect or refuse so to do, shall be liable to such successor in an action of replevin for the same, or for money had and received, to the full amount it shall cost him

Distribution
of printed
statutes.

Statutes shall
be kept for use
of office.

Certificate of
two justices of
supreme court.

to furnish himself with such statutes and costs of suit, which action shall, on request, be brought and prosecuted by the district attorney of the county. Upon the preparation of said statutes of 1898, before the same shall be published, there shall be appended thereto a certificate of two of the justices of the supreme court that the provisions of this act of said revision bill and said chapter 306 of the laws of 1895, have been complied with in their preparation and publication, which certificate shall be published in connection with said statutes, and the same shall be evidence as provided in said chapter 306 of the laws of 1895.

SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum sufficient to carry out the purposes of this act.

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

Approved August 20, 1897.