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CHAPTER 7.

AN ACT to make the method of filling vacancies in the office of county judge uniform with the method of filling vacancies in the office of justice of the supreme court and of circuit judge.

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

Date of election to fill vacancy.

SECTION 1. Section 94s of the Wisconsin statutes of 1898 is hereby amended by inserting the words "or county judge" at the end of the ninth word of the second line of said section, so that the same will read when so amended as follows: Section 94s. In all cases of vacancy in the office of justice of the supreme court or circuit judge, or county judge, the election to fill such vacancy shall be held on the first Tuesday of April next after the vacancy shall happen, in case such vacancy shall happen twenty days before such day; and if no election shall then be held for such purpose, or if the vacancy shall happen within twenty days next before said first Tuesday, then the election shall be held on the first Tuesday of April next thereafter.

Election of county judges made uniform.

SECTION 2. Section 2441 of Wisconsin statutes of 1898 is hereby amended by striking out, beginning with the twelfth word of the eighth line of said section, the words, "for the residue or for the whole of the term," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "until the first Monday of June next succeeding such appointment unless such vacancy shall happen within twenty days next before the first Tuesday of April, in which case such appointment shall hold until the first Monday of June next thereafter," so that said section when so amended will read as follows: Section 2441. There shall be a general election

for county judge in each county in this state on the first Tuesday in April 1901, and every fourth year after the election of such judge. The term of office of the county judges shall be four years, and shall commence on the first Monday of January next after such general election. When a vacancy shall occur in the office of county judge from any cause or there shall be no person qualified to take the office at the commencement of the term, the governor shall appoint a county judge and the person so appointed, shall hold until the first Monday of June next succeeding such appointment unless such vacancy shall happen within twenty days next before the first Tuesday of April, in which case such appointment shall hold until the first Monday of June next thereafter; and where any county judge shall be elected in a newly organized county, the judge so first elected shall hold his office until the first Monday of January next, after the first general election for county judges. Every county judge may be removed from office by address in the manner provided in the constitution for the removal of justices of the supreme, or judges of the circuit court.

When appointed, and for how long.

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

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