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CHAPTER 268.

AN ACT amendatory of section 2869 of the statutes of 1898, relating to exceptions in jury trials.

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

Exceptions in jury trials. SECTION 1. Section 2869 of the statutes of 1898 is hereby amended by adding thereto after the word "consent" in the seventh line the following: "or to the judge's refusal to charge the jury as requested by either party," so that said section when so amended shall read as follows: Section 2869. In any trial by jury if an exception be taken it may be reduced to writing at the time, signed by the judge, without seal, and filed as part of the record; or it may be entered in the judge's minutes and afterwards settled by the judge separately in like manner or in a bill of exceptions. Either party may, at any time before the close of the term of court at which the action is tried, except to any part of the judge's charge to the jury, not given with his express consent, or to the judge's refusal to charge the jury as requested by either party, with the same effect as if done at the trial before the jury retired.

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

Approved May 14, 1903.