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CHAPTER 472.

AN ACT prohibiting legislative counsel and agents from attempting to influence members of the legislature other than by appearance before the committees thereof.

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

Personal lobbying prohibited. SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person employed for a pecuniary consideration, to act as legislative counsel or legislative agent, as defined by chapter 243 of the laws of 1899, to attempt personally and directly to influence any member of the legislature to vote for or against any measure pending therein, otherwise than by appearing before the regular committees thereof, when in session, or by newspaper publications, or by public addresses, or by written or printed statements, arguments, or briefs, delivered to each member of the legislature; provided, that before delivering such statement, argument, or brief, twenty-five copies thereof shall be first deposited with the secretary of state. No officer, agent, appointee, or employee, in the service of the state of Wisconsin, or of the United States, shall attempt to influence any member of the legislature to vote for or against any measure pending therein, affecting the pecuniary interests of such person, excepting in the manner authorized herein in the case of legislative counsel and legislative agents.

Lobbyists not to go upon the floor of either house. SECTION 2. It shall be unlawful for any person employed for a pecuniary consideration, to act as legislative counsel or legislative agent, as defined by chapter 243 of the laws of 1899, to go upon the floor of either house of the legislature, reserved for the members thereof, while in session, except upon the invitation of such house.

Penalty. SECTION 3. Any person violating the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the

county jail, not more than six months, and by a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars, provided, however, that this act shall not apply to legislative counsel or agents of any municipality in this state.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1st, 1905.

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CHAPTER 473.

AN ACT to provide for the canceling of checks or drafts of the state treasurer or warrants of the secretary of state when the same shall not be presented for payment or demanded within two years or more after their issue, and authorizing the state treasurer to cover into the state treasury all balances of money in the hands of the state depositories held for the payment of checks or warrants when no demand has been made therefor for a period of two years or more.

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

Checks or drafts may be cancelled when. SECTION 1. Whenever any check or draft drawn and issued by the state treasurer upon the funds of the state in any state depositories shall not be delivered or called for in two years after so issued and shall remain or be returned to the hands of the state treasurer without being paid, the state treasurer is hereby authorized to cancel the same, to credit the amount of such check or draft to the fund upon which it is drawn and charge the amount thereof to the state depository upon which it was drawn.

Warrants, when cancelled. SECTION 2. Whenever any warrant drawn upon the state treasurer by the secretary of state against any fund belonging to the state shall remain in the possession of the state treasurer or any other person without de-