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**CHAPTER 63.**

AN ACT to amend sections 1627 and 1628, statutes of 1898, relating to obtaining bounties for wild animals.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 1627 and 1628 of the statutes of 1898 are amended to read:

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

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**CHAPTER 64.**

AN ACT to amend chapter 253, laws of 1885, relating to the ownership and disposition of the property of the Baptist church.

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

**Transfer of local church property to state convention.**

SECTION 1. All property of any kind belonging to, or held in trust for any Baptist church, or Baptist church and society, or Baptist society, organized under the laws of this state, that has become or shall become extinct by death of all its members or otherwise, shall vest in and become the property of the Wisconsin Baptist state convention, a religious incorporation engaged in religious missionary work, and in fostering weak Baptist churches in this state, and organized under chapter 221 of the laws of Wisconsin for 1852.

**Grounds for transfer; circuit court may order.**

SECTION 2. Any Baptist church, or Baptist church and society or Baptist society, in this state, which has ceased, or failed to maintain religious worship, or services, or to use its property

for religious worship or services, according to the tenets, usages and customs of Baptist churches in this state, for the space of two consecutive years immediately prior thereto or whose membership has so diminished in numbers, or in financial strength as to render it impossible or impracticable for such church, or church and society, or society, to maintain religious worship or services, or to protect its property from exposure to waste and dilapidation, or to fulfill the purpose for which it was incorporated, may by an order of the circuit court of the county where such property is located be declared extinct or dissolved, and the property of such church, or church and society, or society, or property which may be held in trust for such church, or for such church and such society or such society, be transferred to, and the title and possession thereof, vested in the said Wisconsin Baptist state convention.

**Applications for transfer; inquiry and action of court.**

SECTION 3. An application for such an order and disposition of property may be made by any member or officer of the said Wisconsin Baptist state convention, or by any member of such church, or church and society, or society, when duly authorized thereto by the executive committee of the board of managers of said Wisconsin Baptist state convention, upon a verified petition setting forth the facts authorizing such order and disposition of property. Upon the presentation of such petition to the circuit court of the proper county, such court may proceed in a summary manner after such notice as the court may prescribe to inquire into the merits of such application; and if upon examination by the court, it shall satisfactorily appear, that making of the order and disposition of the property applied for, is necessary or proper for any of the causes mentioned in section 2 of this act, such court shall make a final order, declaring such church, or church and society, or society, extinct, or dissolving the same, and transferring any property and the title and possession thereof, which may belong to such church, or church and society, or society, or held in trust for such church, or church and society, or society, and vest the same in the said Wisconsin Baptist state convention; it being the intent and purpose of this act, to preserve to the Baptist denomination of this state all property owned by or held in trust, for any such church, or church and society, or society, for religious uses. This act shall not affect reversionary interests of any person or persons, in said property, or any valid legal liens of creditors thereon.

**Baptist state convention incorporated.** SECTION 4. Section 1. chapter 253, laws of 1885, entitled, "An act to amend chapter 221, of the private and local laws of 1852," is amended to read; towit: All persons who are now, or hereafter may become members of the Wisconsin Baptist state convention, shall be and hereby are ordained, constituted and declared to be a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the Wisconsin Baptist state convention, and by that name they and their successors shall be known in law, and shall be capable of suing and being sued, of pleading and being impleaded, of answering and being answered unto, of defending and being defended, in all suits, complaints, matters, causes, courts and places whatever, both in law and equity, of acquiring by purchase, gift or devise, or otherwise, or of holding or conveying any real, personal, or mixed property, necessary, proper or expedient for the object of this incorporation. \* \* \*

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 65.

AN ACT to create 1481m, statutes of 1898, relating to scattering weed seed.

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

SECTION 1. (Sec. 1481m.)  
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SECTION 2. (Following Sec. 1481m.)  
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SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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