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CHAPTER 403.

AN ACT to create section 392k—1 of the statutes, relating to a soil survey, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes a new section to read: Section 392k—1. The geological and natural history survey of the state of Wisconsin is directed to cause a soil survey and a soil map of the state to be made for the purpose of ascertaining the character and fertility of the developed and undeveloped soils of the state, the extent and practicability of drainage of the swamp and wet lands of the state, and the means for properly conserving and increasing the fertility of the soil of the state, such work to be carried on in co-operation with the college of agriculture of the University of Wisconsin. The sum of ten thousand dollars annually for the biennial period ending June 30, 1911, is appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of such survey.

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

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CHAPTER 404.

AN ACT to amend section 7 and to create section 9 of chapter 29, laws of 1901, as amended, relating to the register of probate, assistant registers and other officers of the county court of Milwaukee county.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7 of chapter 29, laws of 1901, is amended to read: Section 7. *The county judges may appoint a custodian and one entry clerk.* The county judges may, whenever the business of the office requires it, appoint an *additional* clerk or clerks at a salary not exceeding * * * *one thousand* dollars per annum for each. * * * *All of said salaries shall be * * * payable* monthly, at the end of each and every month, out of the treasury of said county.

SECTION 2. There is added a new section to chapter 29, laws of 1901, to read: Section 9. The board of supervisors of the aforesaid county are empowered to fix or change by resolution the salary of the register of probate, assistant registers and other officers of the county court as provided for in this act.

SECTION 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 405.

AN ACT to repeal section 1227 of the statutes; and to create a new section of the statutes to be numbered section 1227, relating to guide boards on public highways.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1227 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 2. There is added to the statutes a new section to read: Section 1227. 1. The town board of each town in the state of Wisconsin shall cause to be erected and to be kept in good repair suitable and appropriate guide boards along all main traveled public highways within their respective towns. The expense of the erection and keeping in repair of all such guide boards shall be paid out of the treasury of such town. Such guide boards to be erected between the 1st day of May and the 1st day of November.

2. Such guide boards shall be securely attached at the upper end of a post set in the ground, and shall when firmly set project seven feet and six inches above the ground.

3. There shall be painted upon such guide boards in plain black Roman letters not less than two and one-half inches high, the names of adjoining or important towns, villages or cities to and through which said public highway leads, the distance in miles of such town, village or city from such guide post, and any indication of direction which will be helpful to the traveler.

4. If any person shall deface, injure or destroy any such guide board and shall neglect for the space of ten days thereafter to repair and restore the same to as perfect a condition as it was previously, he shall forfeit ten dollars and shall also pay as damages to such town, three times the cost of repairing such