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**CHAPTER 453.**

AN ACT to create section 2622m of the statutes, relating to the change of place of trial of civil actions from a municipal to the circuit court and from the circuit to the municipal court.

*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 2622m. Whenever the parties or their attorneys shall so stipulate in writing, the place of trial of any civil action, over which the circuit and municipal courts have concurrent jurisdiction, pending in the circuit court, shall be changed from the circuit court to the municipal court; and whenever the parties or their attorneys so stipulate in writing, the place of trial of any civil action pending in the municipal court, as a court of record, shall be changed to the circuit court, and in either of the above cases the order of such change of place of trial shall be made by the judge before whom such civil action was pending.

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

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**CHAPTER 454.**

AN ACT to amend section 44—6 of the statutes; and to create section 44—6a of the statutes, relating to voting machines and the time polls shall be kept open in cities where voting is done exclusively on machines.

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

SECTION 1. Section 44—6 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 44—6. *More than one voting machine may be used in any one polling place.* The room in which the election is held shall have a railing separating that part of the room to be occupied by the election officers from that part of the room occupied by the voting machine or machines. The exterior of the voting machine and every part of the polling place shall be in plain view of the inspectors. The machine shall be so placed that no person on the opposite side of the railing can see or de-

termine how the voter casts his vote, and that no person can so see or determine from the outside of the room. After the opening of the polls the inspectors shall not allow any person to pass within the railing to that part of the room where the machine is situated except for the purpose of voting and except as provided in the next succeeding section of this act; and they shall not permit more than one voter at a time to be in such part of the room. They shall not themselves remain or permit any person to remain in any position that would permit him or them to see or ascertain how the voter votes or how he has voted. No voter shall remain within the voting machine booth or compartment longer than one minute, and if he should refuse to leave it after that lapse of time, he shall at once be removed by the inspectors.

SECTION 2. There is added to the statutes a new section to read: Section 44—6a. 1. The polls of election in all cities where voting is done exclusively by the use of voting machines shall open at 6:00 o'clock in the forenoon and close at 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

2. Any voter in any polling place awaiting his turn to vote at the time of the closing of the polls shall be permitted to vote.

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

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## CHAPTER 455.

AN ACT to appropriate a sum of money to the normal school fund to meet a deficiency in current expenses.

WHEREAS, The appropriations so far made are not available for the current expenses of the normal schools prior to the first of February, 1910.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars to be used toward the payment of current expenses of the normal schools until the appropriations already made become available.

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

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