

trial of such action, take the evidence and proceedings therein and furnish the referee or referees with a transcript thereof in longhand, when the court shall so order. Such reporter shall receive the same fees for such transcript of testimony, paid in the same manner as hereinbefore provided.

(See c. 592.)

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 485.

AN ACT to amend sections 3 and 16 of chapter 218, laws of 1899, relating to the district court of Milwaukee county.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Sections 3 and 16 of chapter 218, laws of 1899, are amended to read: Section 3. On the first Tuesday of April, 1901 and on the same day of the same month each six years thereafter, the qualified electors of said county of Milwaukee shall elect, in the same manner as is provided for the election of county officers for said county, a suitable person to the office of judge of said district court, to be called "district judge," who shall be a resident of said county and an attorney-at-law admitted to practice in the circuit court of Milwaukee county, *and who shall not during his said term as judge engage in the practice of law in any court of record in said county.* Such district judge shall hold his office for the term of six years, from the first Monday of May next succeeding his election, and until his successor shall have been elected and qualified, and who may be removed from office for cause in the manner provided by law for the removal of justices of the peace. The resignation of the district judge shall be made to the governor of the state. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the office of such judge, from any cause whatever, the governor shall appoint a district judge and the person so appointed shall hold for the residue of the term.

Section 16. The salary of said district judge shall be three thousand dollars a year, payable monthly at the end of each and every month by the city of Milwaukee, *except that the same may be increased to an amount not to exceed five thousand dollars, by said city.* The fees of the clerk, witnesses, jurors, sheriff and other officers, and the taxable costs of the suit shall be the same as now in the police or municipal court of said city *or county board* in the county of Milwaukee in similar cases. In all cases

before said district court, the costs shall be paid in criminal prosecutions in the name of the state, by the county of Milwaukee, and in the city prosecutions by the city of Milwaukee, when not otherwise collected, upon a certificate of the clerk of said court.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 486.

AN ACT to amend section 2276a of the statutes, relating to evidence of title by descent to real estate and homesteads.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2276a of the statutes is amended to read: Section 2276a. Whenever a person has died or shall die owning real estate in this state, *or whenever a homestead claimant under the laws of the United States has died or shall die before the issuance of the patent to him, and the patent shall have issued to the widow or heirs of the homestead claimant*, and it shall appear that the estate of such deceased person is not subject to an inheritance tax, or if subject to such tax that said tax has been paid, the county judge of the county in which such real estate *or homestead*, is situated may, upon application of the heirs of such person *or homestead claimant*, their guardian, or any person interested in such real estate *or such homestead*, issue under the seal of the county court a certificate setting forth the names of such heirs, *or widow*, and the interest of each of them in the premises of which said deceased died seized, *or in said homestead*, giving a description of the same, which certificate or a certified copy thereof when recorded in the office of the register of deeds of the county in which such real estate is situated, shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein recited.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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