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CHAPTER 406.

AN ACT to amend 196.24 (3) of the statutes, relating to decisions of the public service commission.

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

196.24 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

196.24 (3) The commission may conduct any number of investigations contemporaneously through different agents, and may delegate to any agent the taking of testimony bearing upon any investigation or *at any hearing*. The decision of the commission shall be based upon its * * * records *and upon the evidence before it as provided by section 227.12.*

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CHAPTER 407.

AN ACT to create 327.29 of the statutes, relating to photostatic, microphotographic and photographic reproductions of writings and records as evidence.

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

327.29 of the statutes is created to read:

327.29 PHOTOSTATIC, MICROPHOTOGRAPHIC AND PHOTOGRAPHIC REPRODUCTIONS. Any photostatic, microphotographic or photographic reproduction of a writing or record made in a manner and on film that complies with the minimum standards approved for permanent photographic records by the national bureau of standards, whether in the form of an entry in a book or otherwise, and made as a memorandum or record of any act, transaction, occurrence or event, shall be admissible in evidence in proof of such act, transaction, occurrence or event, if made in the regular course of any business and if it was the regular course of such business to make such memorandum or record or photostatic, microphotographic or photographic reproduction at the time of such act, transaction, occurrence or event or within a reasonable time thereafter. All other circumstances of the

making of such writing or record, or photostatic, microphotographic, or photographic reproduction thereof, including lack of personal knowledge by the entrant or maker, may be shown to affect the weight, but not the admissibility thereof. As used in this section the term "business" shall mean and include business, industry, profession, occupation and calling of every kind, including all functions of state, county and municipal government. The provisions of this section shall supersede any provision of law in conflict therewith.

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CHAPTER 408.

AN ACT to renumber 247.13 to be 247.13 (1) and 252.14 to be 252.14 (1); to amend 166.08 and 247.13 (1) as renumbered; and to create 247.13 (2) and 252.14 (2) of the statutes, relating to the office of divorce counsel, illegitimacy, and court commissioners in counties having a population of 500,000 or more.

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

SECTION 1. 166.08 of the statutes is amended to read:

166.08 The district attorney shall appear and prosecute all illegitimacy proceedings including both the preliminary examination in justice court and the proceedings in the trial court and all subsequent proceedings brought to modify the original judgment or agreement. Private counsel in behalf of the complainant may appear with the district attorney, and reasonable attorneys' fees may be allowed and taxed against the defendant. The district attorney shall draft all agreements referred to in section 166.07. *After the effective date of this amendment in counties having a population of 500,000 or more the corporation counsel of such county or an assistant corporation counsel shall have all the powers and perform all the duties conferred or imposed upon the district attorney by this chapter exclusively and in lieu of such district attorney.*

SECTION 2. 247.13 of the statutes is renumbered to be 247.13 (1) and is amended to read: