

to punish for contempt in the same manner that the judges of circuit courts are or may be authorized by law to punish for contempts; and said county court shall have power to make and enforce such other rules of practice as may be necessary.

SECTION 28. In all matters, examinations or proceedings of which the county court and the judge thereof has jurisdiction, independent of this act, it shall be lawful for the county judge to charge and receive the same fees and per diem as are allowed by law for like services, to be paid in like manner.

SECTION 29. This act shall take effect July 1, 1947.

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### CHAPTER 304.

AN ACT to amend 59.23 (8) and to create 59.715 of the statutes, relating to the destruction of obsolete county records.

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

SECTION 1. 59.23 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

59.23 (8) \* \* \* The sheriff is authorized to destroy all sheriff's dockets, daily jail records and cash books dated prior to 1901. It shall be the duty of the sheriff to hereafter retain and safely keep all such records for a period of 30 years, after which the same may be destroyed.

SECTION 2. 59.715 of the statutes is created to read:

59.715 DESTRUCTION OF OBSOLETE COUNTY RECORDS. Whenever necessary to gain needed vault and filing space, county officers may destroy obsolete records in their custody as follows:

- (1) Notices of tax apportionment received from the secretary of state, after 3 years.
- (2) Copies of notices of tax apportionment sent to local taxing districts by the county clerk, after 3 years.
- (3) Records of bounty claims forwarded to the conservation commission, after one year.
- (4) Lists of town, city and village officers certified to the county clerk by the town, city and village clerks, after the date of the expiration of the term listed.

- (5) Crop reports made to the county clerk by the local assessors, after 3 years.
- (6) Illegal tax certificates charged back to local taxing districts, 3 years after the date of charging back the same.
- (7) Notices of application for the taking of tax deeds and certificates of nonoccupancy, proofs of service and tax certificates filed with the county clerk in connection with the taking of tax deeds, after 15 years.
- (8) Official bonds, after 6 years.
- (9) Claims paid by the county, and papers supporting such claims, after 7 years.
- (10) Contracts, notices of taking bids, and insurance policies to which county is a party, 7 years after the last effective day thereof.
- (11) Election notices, and proofs of publication and correspondence filed in connection with such notices, one year after the date of the election, except in cases where an election is contested in which case such records shall be retained until one year after the contest has been settled.
- (12) Reports of town treasurers to the county clerk on dog licenses sold and records of dog licenses issued, after 3 years.
- (13) Original papers, resolutions and reports appearing in county board proceedings, 6 years following the date of first publication of the same in the official proceedings of the board.
- (14) County clerk's copies of all receipts issued by the county treasurer, 4 years or until after being competently audited, whichever date is earlier.
- (15) Copies of notices given by the county clerk to the town assessors setting out lands owned by the county and lands sold by the county, after 3 years.
- (16) Tax rolls and tax receipts, after 15 years.
- (17) All other receipts of the county treasurer, after 7 years.
- (18) Cancelled checks, after 7 years.
- (19) Oaths of office, 7 years.

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