

years or more; and also for the pensioning of disabled and superannuated members of said department and the widows and orphans of the deceased members thereof.

2. Such pension shall in no case exceed the sum of one-half the salary of such officer, when so pensioned.

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

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### CHAPTER 221

AN ACT to create section 2305m of the statutes, relating to contracts with any real estate agent.

*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 2305m. Every contract to pay a commission to a real estate agent or broker or to any other person for selling or buying real estate shall be void unless such contract or some note or memorandum thereof describing such real estate, expressing the price for which the same may be sold or purchased, the commission to be paid and the period during which the agent or broker shall procure a buyer or seller, be in writing and be subscribed by the person agreeing to pay such commission.

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

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### CHAPTER 222

AN ACT to create subdivision (3c) of section 709 of the statutes, providing for the appointment of a deputy county auditor, in counties having a population of more than three hundred thousand.

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

SECTION 1. A new subdivision is added to section 709 of the statutes to read: (Section 709) (3c) In counties having a population of more than three hundred thousand, the county auditor may designate a deputy clerk, a clerk, or assistant, who shall have been by the county clerk assigned to his department as deputy county auditor to aid him in the discharge of the duties of his office, and who, in the absence of the county auditor,