

## CHAPTER 2

## DIVISION OF THE STATE INTO COUNTIES, AND THEIR BOUNDARIES

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**2.01 County boundaries.** The state is divided into the counties hereinafter named, and they are respectively bounded as follows, to wit:

(1) **ADAMS:** Beginning at the southeast corner of township 14, of range 7 east of the 4th principal meridian, and running thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township 20, range 7 east; thence west on the township line to the center of the main channel of the Wisconsin River; thence southerly along the main channel of said river to the township line between townships 13 and 14; thence east on the township line to the place of beginning.

(2) **ASHLAND:** Beginning at the southwest corner of township 41 north, of range 4 west of the 4th principal meridian, and running thence north on the range line between ranges 4 and 5 west, to the south end of Long Island Bay, on Lake Superior; thence northerly along the center of said bay to the center of the channel known as the Bay of La Pointe; thence northerly, following the center of the watercourse between the main land and the Apostle Islands, and passing east of Raspberry Island, to the state line; thence easterly and northerly along the state line, to the center of Lake Superior; thence southwesterly to the northwest corner of township 47 north, of range one west; thence south on the range line between ranges one and 2 west, to the southwest corner of township 44 north of range one west; thence east along the township line to the southeast corner of said township 44 north, of range one west; thence south on the range line to the southwest corner of township 43 north, of range one east; thence east along the township line to the southeast corner of said township 43 north, of range one east; thence south along the range line to the southeast corner of township 41 north, of range one east; thence west on the township line to the place of beginning.

(3) **BARRON:** Beginning at the southwest corner of township 32, of range 14 west of the meridian aforesaid; running thence east on the township line to the southeast corner of township 32, of range 10 west; thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township 36, of range 10 west; thence west on the township line to the northwest corner of township 36, of range 14 west; thence south on the range line to the place of beginning.

(4) **BAYFIELD:** Beginning at the southwest corner of township 43, of range 9 west of the meridian aforesaid; and running thence east on the township line to the range line between ranges 4 and 5 west; thence north on said range line to the south end of Long Island Bay on Lake Superior; thence northerly along the center of said bay to the center of the channel known as the Bay of LaPointe; thence northerly, following the center of the watercourse between the main land and the Apostle Islands, passing east of Raspberry Island to the state line; thence southwesterly along the state line to a point where the range line between ranges 9 and 10 west, when extended, intersects the state line; thence south on said last-named range line to the place of beginning.

(5) **BROWN:** Beginning at the southeast corner of township 22, of range 22 east of the meridian aforesaid; and running thence north on the range line to the point where said range line intersects the east shore of Green Bay; thence northeasterly along the east shore of said bay to a point where the township line between

townships 25 and 26 intersects the shore of said bay; thence west on said township line to the southeast corner of fractional section 31, in township 26, of range 19 east; thence north on the section line to the quarter-post between fractional section 31 and section 32 in township 26, of range 19 east; thence west on the quarter-section lines to the center-post of section 36, in township 26, of range 18 east; thence south on quarter-section lines to the northwest corner of the southwest one-sixteenth in the southeast one-quarter of section one, in township 25, of range 18 east; thence east on sixteenth-section lines to a point 825 feet west of the range line between section one, in township 25, of range 18 east, and section 6, in township 25, of range 19 east; thence north 264 feet; thence east 825 feet to the range line; thence south on the range line to the southwest corner of township 25, of range 19 east; thence east on the south line of said township to the northeast corner of section 4, in township 24, of range 19 east; thence south on the section lines to the southeast corner of section 33, in township 21, of range 19 east; thence east on the township line to the southwest corner of township 21, of range 22 east; thence north on the range line to the northwest corner of said township 21, of range 22 east; thence east on the township line to the place of beginning.

(6) **BUFFALO:** Beginning at the northwest corner of township 24, of range 9 west of the meridian aforesaid; and running thence south on the range line to the Trempealeau or Mountain River; thence down the meandered channel, being the most westerly channel of said river, passing through townships 20 and 19, of range 10 west, and through the northeast corner of section 2, through sections 3, 10, 9 and 15 of township 18, of range 10 west, to the Mississippi River, and to the western boundary line of this state; thence northerly up the Mississippi River, along the western boundary of this state, to the mouth of the Chippewa River; thence up the main channel of the Chippewa River to the township line between townships 24 and 25; thence east on said township line to the place of beginning.

(7) **BURNETT:** Beginning at the southeast corner of township 37, of range 14 west of the meridian aforesaid; and running thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township 42, of said range 14 west; thence west on the township line to the boundary line between this state and the state of Minnesota; thence south along said boundary line to a point where the township line between townships 36 and 37 intersects said line; thence east on said township line to the southeast corner of township 37, of range 18 west; thence north to the northeast corner of said last-named township; thence east to the southeast corner of township 38, of range 15 west; thence south on the range line to the southwest corner of township 37, of range 14 west; thence east on the township line to the place of beginning.

(8) **CALUMET:** Beginning at the southeast corner of township 17, of range 20 east of the meridian aforesaid; and running thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township 20, of range 20 east; thence west on the township line to the northwest corner of township 20, of range 18 east; thence due south through Winnebago Lake to a point in the range of the east and west line which forms the southern boundary of the Indian reservation;

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thence east on said last-named boundary line to the range line between ranges 19 and 20 east; thence south on said range line to the southwest corner of township 17, of range 20 east; thence east on the township line to the place of beginning.

**(9) CHIPPEWA:** Beginning at the northeast corner of township 27 north, of range 5 west of the meridian aforesaid; running thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township 32, of range 5 west; thence west on the township line to the northwest corner of township 32 north, of range 9 west; thence south on the range line to the southwest corner of township 32 north, of range 9 west; thence west on the township line to the northwest corner of township 31, of range 10 west; thence south on the township line to the southwest corner of township 31 north, of range 10 west; thence east on the township line to the northwest corner of township 30 north of range 10 west; thence south on the range line to the southwest corner of township 28 north, of range 10 west; thence east on the township line to the place of beginning.

**(10) CLARK:** Beginning at the southeast corner of township 23, of range one east of the meridian aforesaid; thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township 29, of range one east; thence west on the township line to the northwest corner of township 29, of range 4 west; thence south on the range line to the southwest corner of township 24, of range 4 west; thence east on the township line to the southeast corner of said township 24, of range 4 west; thence south on the range line to the southwest corner of township 23, of range 3 west; thence east on the township line to the place of beginning.

**(11) COLUMBIA:** Beginning at a point in the north line of township 13, of range 6 east, where the said line intersects the center of the main channel of the Wisconsin River; running thence down the middle of the main channel of said river to a point where the range line between ranges 7 and 8 east intersect said river; thence south on said range line to the middle of the Wisconsin River aforesaid (in township 10); thence down the middle of the main channel of said river to a point where the north line of township 9 intersects the same; thence east on said township line to the southeast corner of township 10, of range 12 east; thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township 13, of range 12 east; thence west on the township line to the place of beginning.

**(12) CRAWFORD:** Beginning at a point in the western boundary line of this state, in the Mississippi River, opposite the mouth of the Wisconsin River; and running thence easterly up the middle of the main channel of the Wisconsin River to a point where the range line between ranges 2 and 3 west of the meridian aforesaid intersects the middle of said main channel; thence north on said range line to the northeast corner of section 24, of township 11, of range 3 west; thence west on the section line to the west boundary line of this state, in the main channel of the Mississippi River; thence southerly on said boundary line to the place of beginning.

**(13) DANE:** Beginning at a point in the center of the main channel of the Wisconsin River where the range line between ranges 5 and 6 east of the meridian aforesaid crosses said river; running thence south on said range line to the southwest corner of township 5, of range 6 east; thence east on the township line to the southeast corner of township 5, of range 12 east; thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township 9, of range 12 east; thence west on the township line to the middle of the Wisconsin River; thence down the middle of the main channel of said river to the place of beginning.

**(14) DODGE:** Beginning at the southeast corner of township 9, of range 17 east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township 13, of

range 17 east; thence west on the township line to the northwest corner of township 13, of range 13 east; thence south on the range line to the southwest corner of township 9, of range 13 east; thence east on the township line to the place of beginning.

**(15) DOOR:** Beginning on the west shore of Lake Michigan where the south line of township 26 intersects Lake Michigan; running thence west on the township line to the center of Green Bay; thence northeasterly along the center of the main channel of Green Bay to the boundary line between the states of Michigan and Wisconsin; thence along said boundary line between the state of Michigan and the state of Wisconsin to a point in Lake Michigan where the east and west line on the south side of township 26, extended easterly, would intersect the eastern boundary of the state of Wisconsin; and from thence west to the place of beginning.

**(16) DOUGLAS:** All that part of this state lying west of range 9 west of the 4th principal meridian and north of the township line between townships 42 and 43.

**(17) DUNN:** Beginning at the southwest corner of township 26, of range 14 west of the meridian aforesaid; and running thence east on the township line to the range line between ranges 10 and 11 west; thence north on said range line to the township line between townships 31 and 32; thence west on the township line to the range line between ranges 14 and 15 west; thence south on said range line to the place of beginning.

**(18) EAU CLAIRE:** Beginning at the southwest corner of township 25, of range 10 west of the meridian aforesaid; and running thence east on the township line to the range line between ranges 4 and 5 west; thence north on said range line to the township line between townships 27 and 28; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges 10 and 11 west; thence south on said line to the place of beginning.

**(19) FLORENCE:** Commencing at the southwest corner of township 38, of range 15 east of the meridian aforesaid; thence east along the township line to the southeast corner of township 38, of range 19 east; thence north on the range line to the northern boundary of this state, in the Menominee River; thence northwesterly along said boundary line to the range line between ranges 14 and 15 east, in the Brule River; thence southerly on said range line to the place of beginning.

**(20) FOND DU LAC:** Beginning at the southeast corner of township 13, of range 19 east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence north on the range line to the south line of the Indian reservation; thence west on said south line to a point in Lake Winnebago, in the range line between ranges 17 and 18 east; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships 16 and 17; thence west to the northwest corner of township 16, of range 14 east; thence south on the range line to the southwest corner of township 14, of range 14 east; thence east on the township line to the northwest corner of township 13, of range 18 east; thence south to the southwest corner of the last-named township; thence east on the township line to the place of beginning.

**(21) FOREST:** Commencing at the southwest corner of township 34 north, of range 13 east of the 4th principal meridian; running thence north on the range line between ranges 12 and 13 to the township line between townships 34 and 35 north; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges 11 and 12 east; thence north on said range line to the 4th correction line; thence east on said correction line to the range line between ranges 12 and 13; thence north on the range line between ranges 12 and 13 to the boundary line between the states of Michigan and Wisconsin; thence southeasterly on said boundary line to the range line between ranges 14 and 15 east; thence south on said range line to the 4th correction line; thence east on said correction line to the northeast corner of township 40, of range 14 east;

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thence south on the range line between ranges 14 and 15 to the southeast corner of township 38, of range 14 east; thence east on the township line to the range line between ranges 16 and 17 east; thence south on the range line to the township line between townships 33 and 34; thence west on the township line to the place of beginning.

**(22) GRANT:** All that part of this state lying west of the 4th principal meridian, and south of the center of the main channel of the Wisconsin River.

**(23) GREEN:** Beginning at the southeast corner of township one, of range 9 east of the meridian aforesaid, in the boundary line of this state; running thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township 4, of range 9 east; thence west on the township line to the northwest corner of township 4, of range 6 east; thence south on the range line to the southwest corner of township one, of range 6 east; thence east on the boundary line aforesaid to the place of beginning.

**(24) GREEN LAKE:** Beginning at the southwest corner of township 14, of range 11 east; and running thence east on the township line to the range line between ranges 13 and 14 east; thence north on said range line to the northeast corner of township 17, of range 13 east; thence west on the township line to the northeast corner of section 3, of township 17, of range 11 east; thence south along the east lines of sections 3, 10, 15, 22, 27, and 34 of township 17 of range 11 east and the east lines of sections 3 and 10 of township 16 of range 11 east to the southeast corner of section 10 of township 16, of range 11 east; thence west along the south lines of sections 9 and 10 of township 16 of range 11 east to the north one-quarter corner of section 16; thence south through the center of sections 16, 21, 28 and 33 to the township line between townships 15 and 16; thence east along said township line to the point where the center of the Fox River crosses said township line between sections 4 and 33 of the last named townships; thence southerly and easterly along the center of the Fox River to the point where the center of said river crosses the east line of section 3, in township 15, of range 11 east; thence south on the east lines of sections 3, 10, 15, and 22 of township 15 of range 11 east to Lake Puckaway; thence westerly along the shore of said lake as meandered by the original government survey to the east line of section 19 in township 15 of range 11 east; thence westerly to the northeast corner of government lot 5 in section 19 in township 15 of range 11 east; thence southerly and westerly along the easterly line of government lot 5 in section 19 in township 15 of range 11 east to the south line of section 19 in township 15 of range 11 east; thence west on the south line of section 19 in township 15 of range 11 east to the range line between ranges 10 and 11 east; thence south on said range line to the place of beginning.

**(25) IOWA:** Beginning at a point in the middle of the main channel of the Wisconsin River where the 4th principal meridian crosses said river; running thence south on said meridian to the southwest corner of section 18, in township 4, of range one east; thence east on the section lines to the southeast corner of section 13, in township 4, of range 5 east; thence north on the range line to the middle of the Wisconsin River; thence down the middle of the main channel of said river to the place of beginning.

**(26) IRON:** Commencing at the mouth of the Montreal River, thence to the center of Lake Superior along the state line; thence southwesterly to the northwest corner of township number 47 north, of range number one west; thence south on the range line between ranges number one and 2 west, to the southwest corner of township number 44 north, of range number one west; thence east, along the township line, to the southeast corner of said township number 44 north, of range number one west; thence south on range line, to the southwest corner of township number 43 north, of range number one east; thence east along the township line to the southeast corner of said township number 43 north, of range

number one east; thence south, along the range line, to the southeast corner of township number 41 north, of range number one east; thence east, along the township line, to the southeast corner of township number 41 north, of range number 4 east; thence north on the range line between ranges number 4 and 5 east, to the state line; thence northwesterly along the state line to the center of the Montreal River, and following center line of said river to the place of beginning.

**(27) JACKSON:** Beginning at the southeast corner of township 20, of range one east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence north on the range line to the township line between townships 22 and 23; thence west on said township line to the southwest corner of township 23, of range 3 west; thence north on the range line to the northwest corner of said township 23, of range 3 west; thence west on the township line to the range line between ranges 4 and 5 west; thence north on said range line to the township line between townships 24 and 25; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges 6 and 7 west; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships 18 and 19; thence east on said township line to the southwest corner of section 34, of township 19, of range 5 west; thence north on the west lines of sections 34, 27, 22, and 15 of township 19 north, range 5 west, to the most southerly intersection with the center line of the Black River; thence in a northeasterly direction along said center line of the Black River to its intersection with the north line of section 6, township 19 north, range 4 west; thence east on the township line between townships 19 and 20 to the place of beginning.

**(28) JEFFERSON:** Beginning at the southeast corner of township 5, of range 16 east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township 8, of range 16 east; thence west on the township line to the northwest corner of township 8, of range 13 east; thence south on the range line to the southwest corner of township 5, of range 13 east; thence east on the township line to the place of beginning.

**(29) JUNEAU:** Beginning at the southwest corner of township 14, of range 2 east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence east on the township line to the center of the main channel of the Wisconsin River; thence northerly up the main channel of said river to the township line between townships 20 and 21; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges one and 2 east; thence south on said range line to the place of beginning.

**(30) KENOSHA:** Beginning at the southwest corner of township one, of range 19 east of the meridian aforesaid, in the southern boundary line of this state; running thence east on said boundary line to the center of Lake Michigan; thence northerly along the eastern boundary line of this state to the township line between townships 2 and 3; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges 19 and 20 east; thence south on said range line to the section line between sections 24 and 25, in township 2, of range 19 east; thence west on said section line to the range line between ranges 18 and 19 east; thence south on said range line to the place of beginning.

**(31) KEWAUNEE:** Beginning at a point on the west shore of Lake Michigan where the north line of township 21 intersects said shore; running thence west on the north line of said township 21 to the range line between ranges 22 and 23 east of the meridian aforesaid; thence north on said range line until it strikes the east shore of Green Bay, and thence northeasterly along the shore of said bay to the township line between townships 25 and 26; thence east on said township line to the east boundary line of this state; thence south on said boundary line to a point directly east of the place of beginning; thence west to the place of beginning.

**(32) LA CROSSE:** Beginning at the point in the western boundary line of this state, in the Mississippi River, where the

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township line between townships 17 and 18 intersects said boundary line; running thence east on said township line to the main channel of the Black River; thence up the main channel of the Black River to the range line between ranges 6 and 7 west; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships 18 and 19; thence east on said township line to the range line between ranges 4 and 5 west of the meridian aforesaid; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships 14 and 15; thence west on said township line to the western boundary line of this state, in the Mississippi River; thence northerly up the main channel of said river to the intersection of the center line of the west channel of said river with the center line of the main east channel thereof at a point south of Barron's Island (also known as Pettibone Park) thence northwesterly up the center line of said west channel and west of said island to the intersection of said center line north of said island and thence northerly up the main channel of said river to the place of beginning.

**(33) LAFAYETTE:** Beginning at the southwest corner of township one, of range one east of the meridian aforesaid, in the boundary line of this state; running thence east on said boundary line to the southeast corner of township one, of range 5 east; thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of section 24, in township 4, of range 5 east; thence on the section line to the northwest corner of section 19, in township 4, of range one east; thence south on the aforesaid principal meridian to the place of beginning.

**(34) LANGLADE:** Commencing at the southwest corner of township 31, of range 9 east; thence north on the range line to the southwest corner of township 35, of the same range; thence east on the township line to the range line between ranges 12 and 13 east; thence south to the southwest corner of township 34, of range 13 east; thence east to the range line between ranges 14 and 15 east; thence south on the range line to the southwest corner of township 32 of range 15 east; thence east to the northeast corner of section 5, in township 31, of range 15 east; thence south on section lines to the township line between townships 30 and 31; thence west on the township line to the northeast corner of township 30, of range 12 east; thence south to the southeast corner of township 30, of range 12 east; thence west to the southwest corner of township 30, of range 11 east; thence north to the northwest corner of township 30, of range 11 east; thence west to the place of beginning.

**(35) LINCOLN:** Commencing at the southwest corner of township 31, range 4 east; thence north on the range line to the southwest corner of township 36, same range; thence east on the township line to the southeast corner of township 36, range 8 east; thence south on the range line to the township line between townships 30 and 31; thence west on the township line to the place of beginning.

**(36) MANITOWOC:** Beginning at the southwest corner of township 17, of range 21 east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence on the township line to the eastern boundary of this state in Lake Michigan; thence north along said boundary line to the point where the township line between townships 21 and 22, extended, intersects said boundary line; thence west on said township line to the northwest corner of township 21, of range 22 east; thence south on the range line to the township line between townships 20 and 21; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges 20 and 21 east; thence south on said range line to the place of beginning.

**(37) MARATHON:** Beginning at the southwest corner of township 26, of range 2 east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence east on the township line to the southeast corner of township 26, of range 10 east; thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township 30, of range 10 east; thence west on

the township line to the northwest corner of township 30, of range 3 east; thence south to the southwest corner of the last-named township; thence west on the township line to the range line between ranges one and 2 east; thence south on said range line to the place of beginning.

**(38) MARINETTE:** Beginning on the north boundary line of this state, on the range line between ranges 19 and 20 east of the meridian aforesaid; thence southerly along said boundary line to the center of the main channel of Green Bay; thence southerly along the main channel of Green Bay to the range line between ranges 22 and 23; thence north along said range line to the southeast corner of section 12, in township 29, of range 22; thence west along section lines to the southwest corner of section 10, in township 29 of range 21, thence north along section lines to the township line between townships 29 and 30; thence west along the same to the range line between ranges 19 and 20; thence north along the same to the township line between townships 30 and 31; thence west along the same to the range line between ranges 18 and 19; thence north along the same to the township line between townships 31 and 32; thence west along the same to the range line between ranges 17 and 18; thence north along the same to the township line between townships 33 and 34; thence west along the same to the range line between ranges 16 and 17 east; thence north along the same to the township line between townships 37 and 38; thence east on the township line to the range line between ranges 19 and 20 east; thence north along the same to the place of beginning.

**(39) MARQUETTE:** Beginning at the northeast corner of section 3 in township 17, of range 11 east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence south along the east lines of sections 3, 10, 15, 22, 27, and 34 of township 17 of range 11 east and the east lines of sections 3 and 10 of township 16 of range 11 east to the southeast corner of section 10 of township 16, of range 11 east, thence west along the south lines of sections 9 and 10 of township 16 of range 11 east to the north one-quarter corner of section 16 of said last-mentioned township; thence south through the center of sections 16, 21, 28 and 33 to the township line between townships 15 and 16; thence east along said last-mentioned line to the point where the center of the Fox River crosses said township line between sections 4 and 33 of the last named townships; thence southerly and easterly along the center of the Fox River to the point where the center of the said river crosses the east line of section 3 in township 15, range 11 east; thence south on the east lines of sections 3, 10, 15, and 22 of township 15 of range 11 east to Lake Puckaway; thence westerly along the shore of said lake, as measured by the original government survey, to the east line of section 19 in township 15 of range 11 east; thence westerly to the northeast corner of government lot 5 in section 19 in township 15 of range 11 east; thence southerly and westerly along the easterly line of government lot 5 in section 19 in township 15 of range 11 east to the south line of section 19 in township 15 of range 11 east; thence west on the south line of section 19 in township 15 of range 11 east to the range line between ranges 10 and 11 east; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships 13 and 14; thence west on said last-named township line to the southwest corner of township 14, range 8 east; thence north on the range line to the northwest corner of township 17, range 8 east; thence east on the township line to the place of beginning.

**(39m) MENOMINEE:** Beginning at the southeast corner of township 28, range 16 east of said meridian; running thence north on the range line to the correction line between townships 30 and 31; thence west on said correction line to the northeast corner of township 30, range 12 east; thence south on the range line to the township line between townships 28 and 29; thence east on said township line to the range line between ranges 14 and 15 east;

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thence south on said range line to the township line between townships 27 and 28; thence east on said township line to the place of beginning.

**(40) MILWAUKEE:** Beginning at the southwest corner of township 5, of range 21 east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence due east to the boundary line of this state in Lake Michigan; thence northerly on said boundary line to a point in range with the east and west line between townships 8 and 9; thence due west to the northwest corner of township 8 of range 21 east; thence south on the range line to the place of beginning.

**(41) MONROE:** Beginning at the southeast corner of township 15, of range one east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence north on the range line to the township line between townships 19 and 20; thence west on said township line to the center line of the Black River where it intersects with the north line of section 6, township 19 north, range 4 west; thence in a southwesterly direction along said center line of the Black River to its most southerly intersection with the west line of section 15, township 19 north, range 5 west; thence south on the west lines of sections 15, 22, 27, and 34 of township 19 north, range 5 west to the southwest corner of said section 34, being a point on the township line between townships 18 and 19; thence east on said township line to the range line between ranges 4 and 5 west; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships 14 and 15; thence east on said township line to the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 34, township 15, of range 2 west; thence north to the northwest corner of said southeast quarter of the southwest quarter; thence east one mile to the northeast corner of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 35, township 15, of range 2 west; thence south to the southeast corner of said southwest quarter of the southwest quarter; thence east on the township line to the place of beginning.

**(42) OCONTO:** Beginning at the quarter-post between section 36, in township 26, of range 18 east of said meridian, and fractional section 31, in township 26, of range 19 east; thence north on the range line to the township line between townships 27 and 28; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges 16 and 17 east; thence north on said range line to the correction line between townships 30 and 31; thence west on said correction line to the southeast corner of section 32, of township 31, range 15 east; thence north on section lines to the township line between townships 31 and 32; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges 14 and 15 east; thence north on such range line to the township line between townships 33 and 34; thence east on said township line to the range line between ranges 17 and 18; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships 31 and 32; thence east on said township line to the range line between ranges 18 and 19; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships 30 and 31; thence east on said township line to the range line between ranges 19 and 20; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships 29 and 30; thence east along said township line to the northwest corner of section 3, in township 29, range 21; thence south along section lines to the southwest corner of section 10, of the said township and range; thence east along section lines to the southeast corner of section 12, in township 29, of range 22; thence south along the range line to the center of the main channel of Green Bay; thence southerly along the center of said main channel to the township line between townships 25 and 26; thence west on said township line to the southeast corner of fractional section 31, in township 26, of range 19 east; thence north on the section line to the quarter-post between fractional section 31 and section 32 in township 26, of range 19 east; thence west on the quarter-section lines to the place of beginning.

**(43) ONEIDA:** Commencing at the southeast corner of town-

ship 35 north, of range 11 east; thence north on the range line between ranges 11 and 12 to the southeast corner of township 40, of range 11 east; thence west on the township line between townships 39 and 40 to the northeast corner of township 39, of range 10 east; thence south on the range line between ranges 10 and 11 to the southeast corner of section 13, in said township 39, of range 10 east; thence west on the south lines of sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 to the southwest corner of section 18, in the same town and range; thence north on the range line between ranges 9 and 10 east to the northeast corner of township 39, north of range 9 east; thence west on the township line between townships 39 and 40 to the northwest corner of township 39, of range 4 east; thence south on the range line between ranges 3 and 4 to the southwest corner of township 36, of range 4 east; thence east on the township line between townships 35 and 36 to the southeast corner of township 36, of range 8 east; thence south on the range line between ranges 8 and 9 to the southwest corner of township 35, of range 9 east; thence east on the township line between townships 34 and 35 to the place of beginning.

**(44) OUTAGAMIE:** Beginning at the southwest corner of township 21, of range 15 east of the 4th principal meridian; running thence north on the range line to the northwest corner of township 24, of range 15 east; thence east on the township line to the northeast corner of section 4, in township 24, of range 19 east; thence south on the section lines to the southeast corner of section 33, in township 21, of range 19 east; thence west on the township line to the place of beginning.

**(45) OZAUKEE:** Beginning at the southwest corner of township 9, of range 21 east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence north on the range line to the northwest corner of township 12, of range 21 east; thence east on the township line to the eastern boundary line of this state, in Lake Michigan; thence southerly on said boundary line until it intersects a line running due east between townships 8 and 9; thence west on said line to the place of beginning.

**(46) PEPIN:** Beginning in the center of the Mississippi River, at the mouth of Rush River; thence running due east to the range line between ranges 14 and 15 west of the meridian aforesaid; thence north on the said range line to the township line between townships 25 and 26; thence east on the township line to the range line between ranges 10 and 11 west; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships 24 and 25; thence west on said township line to the Chippewa River; thence down the center of the main channel of said river to the Mississippi River; thence up the center of the Mississippi River to the place of beginning.

**(47) PIERCE:** Beginning in the Mississippi River in the western boundary line of this state at the mouth of the Rush River; thence due east to the range line between ranges 14 and 15 west; thence north on said range line to the township line between townships 27 and 28; thence west on said township line to the western boundary of this state; thence southerly along said western boundary to the place of beginning.

**(48) POLK:** Beginning at the southeast corner of township 32, of range 15 west of the meridian aforesaid; running thence north on the range line to the township line between townships 37 and 38; thence west on said township line to the northwest corner of township 37, of range 17 west; thence south to the southwest corner of said township; thence west to the western boundary line of this state; thence southerly along said boundary line to the township line between townships 31 and 32; thence east on said township line to the place of beginning.

**(49) PORTAGE:** Beginning at the southeast corner of township 21, of range 10 east of the meridian aforesaid; thence north on the range line to the township line between townships 25 and

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26; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges 5 and 6 east; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships 23 and 24; thence east on said township line to the range line between ranges 6 and 7 east; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships 20 and 21; thence east on said township line to the place of beginning.

**(50) PRICE:** Beginning at the southwest corner of township 34, of range 2 west of the meridian aforesaid; thence north on the range line to the township line between townships 40 and 41; thence east on said township line to the range line between ranges 3 and 4 east; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships 33 and 34; thence west on said township line to the place of beginning.

**(51) RACINE:** Beginning at the northwest corner of township 4, of range 19 east of the aforesaid meridian; running thence east on the township line to the east boundary line of this state, in Lake Michigan; thence south along said boundary line to a point where the township line between townships 2 and 3, extended, intersects said boundary line; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges 19 and 20 east; thence south on said range line to the section line between sections 24 and 25, in township 2, of range 19 east; thence west on said section line to the range line between ranges 18 and 19 east; thence north on said range line to the place of beginning.

**(52) RICHLAND:** Beginning at a point in the center of the main channel of the Wisconsin River where the range line between ranges 2 and 3 east of the meridian aforesaid crosses said river; running thence on said range line to the northeast corner of township 12, of range 2 east; thence west on the township line to the northwest corner of township 12, of range 2 west of said meridian; thence south on the range line to the middle of the Wisconsin River, thence up the middle of the main channel of said river to the place of beginning.

**(53) ROCK:** Beginning at the southwest corner of township one, of range 10 east of the meridian aforesaid, in the southern boundary line of this state; running thence east on said boundary line to the southeast corner of township one, of range 14 east; thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township 4, of range 14 east; thence west on the township line to the northwest corner of township 4, of range 10 east; thence south on the range line to the place of beginning.

**(54) RUSK:** Commencing at the southeast corner of township 33 north, of range 5 west; running thence north on the range line between ranges 4 and 5, to the northeast corner of said township 33; thence running east on the town line between towns 33 and 34 to the southeast corner of township 34 north, of range 3 west; thence running north on the range line between ranges 2 and 3 west, to the northeast corner of township 36 north, of range 3 west; thence running west on the town line between townships 36 and 37, to the northwest corner of township 36 north, of range 9 west; thence south on the range line between ranges 9 and 10 west, to the southwest corner of township 33 north, of range 9 west; thence running east on the town line between townships 32 and 33 north, to the place of beginning.

**(55) ST. CROIX:** Beginning at the southeast corner of township 28, of range 15 west of the meridian aforesaid; running thence north on the range line to the township line between townships 31 and 32; thence west on said township line to the western boundary of this state; thence southerly along said western boundary line to the township line between townships 27 and 28; thence east on said township line to the place of beginning.

**(56) SAUK:** Beginning at a point in the middle of the main channel of the Wisconsin River, in the range line between ranges 2 and 3, east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence north on

said range line to the southeast corner of township 13, of range 2 east; thence west on the township line to the southwest corner of the last-named township; thence north on the range line to the northwest corner of the last-named township; thence east on the township line to the middle of the Wisconsin River; thence down the middle of the main channel of said river until it intersects the range line between ranges 7 and 8 east; thence south on said range line until it strikes the middle of said river; thence down the middle of the main channel of said river to the place of beginning.

**(57) SAWYER:** Commencing at the southeast corner of township 37, range 3 west of the meridian aforesaid; thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township 40, of range 3 west; thence west on the township line to the southeast corner of township 41, of range 5 west; thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township 42, range 5 west; thence west on the township line to the northwest corner of township 42, range 9 west; thence south on the range line to the southwest corner of township 37, range 9 west; thence east on said township line to the place of beginning.

**(58) SHAWANO:** Beginning at the southeast corner of township 25, of range 18 east of said meridian; thence north on the range line to a point 264 feet north of the northeast corner of the southeast one-sixteenth in the southeast one-quarter of section one, in township 25, of range 18 east; thence west 825 feet; thence south 264 feet to the sixteenth-section line; thence west on sixteenth-section lines to the northwest corner of the southwest one-sixteenth in the southeast one-quarter of section one, in township 25, of range 18 east; thence north on quarter-section lines to the center-post of section 36, in township 26, of range 18 east; thence east on the quarter-section line to the quarter-post between section 36, in township 26, of range 18 east, and fractional section 31, in township 26 of range 19 east; thence north on the range line to the township line between townships 27 and 28; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges 14 and 15 east; thence north on said range line to the township line between townships 28 and 29; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges 12 and 13 east; thence north on the range line to the township line between townships 29 and 30; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges 10 and 11 east; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships 25 and 26; thence east on said township line to the range line between ranges 15 and 16 east; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships 24 and 25; thence east on said township line to the place of beginning.

**(59) SHEBOYGAN:** Beginning at the southwest corner of township 13, of range 20 east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence due east to the eastern boundary line of this state, in Lake Michigan; thence northerly on said boundary line until it intersects a line running due east between townships 16 and 17; thence due west on said line to the northwest corner of township 16, of range 20 east; thence south on the range line to the place of beginning.

**(60) TAYLOR:** Beginning at the northeast corner of township 33, of range 3 east of the meridian aforesaid; thence running west on the township line to the range line between ranges 4 and 5 west; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships 29 and 30; thence east on said township line to the range line between ranges 2 and 3 east; thence north on said range line to the township line between townships 30 and 31; thence east on said township line to the southeast corner of township 31, of range 3 east; thence north on the east line of townships 31, 32 and 33 to the place of beginning.

**(61) TREMPLEALEAU:** Beginning at the point of the western boundary line of this state, in the Mississippi River, where the line between townships 17 and 18 intersects said boundary line;

thence running east on said township line to the main channel of Black River; thence up the middle of the main channel of said river to the range line between ranges 6 and 7 west; thence north on said range line to the township line between townships 24 and 25; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges 9 and 10 west; thence south on said range line to the Trempealeau or Mountain River; thence down the meandered channel, being the most westerly channel of said Trempealeau or Mountain River, passing through townships 20 and 19 of range 10 west, and through the northeast corner of section 2, and through sections 3, 10, 9 and 15, of township 18, of range 10 west, to the Mississippi River, including in Trempealeau County the island in the Mississippi River composed of portions of sections 14, 15, 22, 23 and 24, of township 18, of range 10 west, as surveyed by the United States, to the western boundary of this state in the Mississippi River; thence down the main channel of said river along said boundary line to the place of beginning.

(62) VERNON: Beginning at the northeast corner of township 12, of range 3 west of the meridian aforesaid; thence running south on the range line to the northeast corner of section 24, of township 11, of range 3 west; thence west on the section line to the boundary line of this state, in the main channel of the Mississippi River, thence northerly on the boundary line of this state in said river, to the point of intersection of said boundary line and the township line between township 14 and 15; thence east on said township line to the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 34, township 15, of range 2 west; thence north to the northwest corner of said southeast quarter of the southwest quarter; thence east one mile to the northeast corner of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 35, township 15, of range 2 west; thence south to the southeast corner of said southwest quarter of the southwest quarter; thence east to the northeast corner of township 14, of range one east; thence south on the range line to the southeast corner of township 13, of range one east; thence west on the township line to the place of beginning.

(63) VILAS: Commencing at the southeast corner of township 40 north, of range 11 east of the meridian aforesaid, thence north on the township line to the 4th correction line; thence east on the 4th correction line to the range line between ranges 12 and 13 east; thence north on the range line between ranges 12 and 13 east to the state boundary; thence northwesterly on the state boundary to the northwest corner of township 44, of range 5 east; thence south on the range line to the southwest corner of township 41 north, of range 5 east; thence west on the township line between towns 40 and 41 to the northwest corner of town 40 north, of range 4 east; thence south on the range line to the southwest corner of township 40 north, range 4 east; thence east on the township line between townships 39 and 40 to the northwest corner of township 39 north, of range 10 east; thence south on the range line between ranges 9 and 10 east to the southwest corner of section 18, in township 39 north, of range 10 east; thence east on the south lines of sections 18, 17, 16, 15, 14 and 13 to the southeast corner of section 13, in the same town and range; thence north on the range line between ranges 10 and 11 east to the northeast corner of township 39 north, of range 10 east; thence east on the township line between townships 39 and 40 to the place of beginning.

(64) WALWORTH: Beginning at the southwest corner of township one, of range 15 east of the meridian aforesaid, in the southern boundary line of this state; running thence east on said boundary line to the southeast corner of township one, of range 18 east; thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township 4, of range 18 east; thence west on the township line to the northwest corner of township 4, of range 15 east; thence south on the range line to the place of beginning.

(65) WASHBURN: Commencing at the southeast corner of township 37, of range 10 west of the meridian aforesaid; thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township 42, of range 10; thence west on the township line to the northwest corner of township 42, of range 13 west; thence south on the range line to the southwest corner of township 37, of range 13 west; thence east on the township line to the place of beginning.

(66) WASHINGTON: Beginning at the southwest corner of township 9, of range 18 east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence east on the township line to the range line between ranges 20 and 21 east; thence north on said range line to the township line between townships 12 and 13; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges 17 and 18 east; thence south on said range line to the place of beginning.

(67) WAUKESHA: Beginning at the southwest corner of township 5, of range 17 east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence east on the township line to the southeast corner of township 5, of range 20 east; thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township 8, of range 20 east; thence west on the township line to the northwest corner of township 8, of range 17 east; thence south on the range line to the place of beginning.

(68) WAUPACA: Beginning at the southeast corner of township 21, of range 14 east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence north on the range line to the township line between townships 24 and 25; thence east on said township line to the range line between ranges 15 and 16 east; thence north on said range line to the township line between townships 25 and 26; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges 10 and 11 east; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships 20 and 21; thence east on said township line to the place of beginning.

(69) WAUSHARA: Beginning at the southeast corner of township 18, of range 13 east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of township 20; thence west on the township line to the range line between ranges 7 and 8 east; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships 17 and 18; thence east on said township line to the place of beginning.

(70) WINNEBAGO: Beginning at the northeast corner of township 20, of range 17 east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence due south through Lake Winnebago until it intersects the township line between townships 16 and 17; thence west on said township line to the southwest corner of township 17, of range 14 east; thence north on the range line to the northwest corner of township 20, of range 14 east; thence east on the township line to the place of beginning.

(71) WOOD: Beginning at the southwest corner of township 21, of range 2 east of the meridian aforesaid; running thence east on the township line to the range line between ranges 6 and 7 east; thence north on said range line to the township line between townships 23 and 24; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges 5 and 6 east; thence north on said range line to the township line between townships 25 and 26; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges one and 2 east; thence south on said range line to the place of beginning.

History: 1999 a. 25; 2001 a. 104; 2011 a. 66, 260.

**2.02 Construction of boundary descriptions.** Whenever the boundary line of any county is described as running north or south on any range line, or east or west on any township line, the said boundary line shall be deemed to run on such lines as are established by the United States survey, making such offsets, where said range lines and township lines are not continuous straight lines, as are made by such United States surveys.

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**2.03 Jurisdiction of counties on boundary streams.** Whenever 2 counties are separated from each other by a river or a creek, the middle of the main channel of such river or creek shall be the division line between them, unless otherwise provided in the description of the boundaries of such counties. The counties so separated shall have common jurisdiction of all offenses committed on the waters between them, and all writs and process issued in any such county may be executed at any place on the waters of such river or creek opposite the county from which it was issued.

**2.04 Jurisdiction of counties on boundary lakes and state boundary waters.** The counties now or hereafter organized upon the westerly shore of Lake Michigan shall have jurisdiction in common of all offenses committed on the lake. The counties now or hereafter organized on the shores of Green Bay shall have jurisdiction in common of all offenses committed on Green Bay. The counties now or hereafter organized on the southerly shore of Lake Superior shall have jurisdiction in common of all offenses committed on the lake. The counties now or hereafter organized on the easterly shore of the Mississippi River shall have jurisdiction in common of all offenses committed on the river. The counties now or hereafter organized on the shores of Lake Winnebago shall have jurisdiction in common of all offenses committed on any part of the lake. The counties now or hereafter organized on the easterly shore of the St. Croix River or lake shall have jurisdiction in common of all offenses committed on any part of the river or lake; when 2 or more counties are now or hereafter organized on the shores of any inland water of this state, as defined in s. 29.001 (45), the counties shall have jurisdiction in common of all offenses committed on any part of the inland water; and all offenses committed against this state on any part of the waters may be heard and tried in any of the counties having common jurisdiction over the waters where the offense may be committed in which legal process against the offender is first served and may be alleged and shall be conclusively deemed to have been committed within the county; and all civil process from any of the counties may be executed within and upon the waters that are within the jurisdiction of the county. In the construction of this section all wharves and piers are part of the land with which they are connected.

**History:** 1983 a. 27 s. 2202 (38); 1997 a. 248.

**2.05 Brown County records.** The record in Brown County, made prior to January 1, 1840, of any such conveyance or instrument mentioned in s. 889.17, affecting lands situated in any other county at the time such record was made and duly certified copies thereof, shall be received in evidence with the same effect as if the same had been duly recorded in the county where the land was situated except against purchasers or claimants of any title, estate, interest or lien, in good faith and without notice, and except that no notice shall be implied from such record. A

copy of any such record, duly certified by the register of deeds of Brown County, may also be recorded in any county where the land may be situated with like effect as the original conveyance or instrument; and any such record of any such copy heretofore made shall have such effect.

**2.06 Records of Iron and Forest counties.** The records of Iron and Forest counties, which have been or may be transcribed from the original records of other counties, of which the territory now comprising either of said counties was formerly a part, under and by direction of the county board of either such counties and properly attested by the affidavit of the person or persons making such transcription or certified to under the hand and official seal of the officer having the custody of such original records shall be received in all courts as prima facie evidence of the matters therein contained in the same manner as now provided by law for the reception of record evidence, and as to Iron County shall be so received notwithstanding any defects in said certificate, either as to form or omission therefrom of matter or facts required by law to be stated. One such certificate to each volume of records or other documents so transcribed shall be deemed sufficient.

**2.07 Transcribed records of Rusk County.** The transcribed records of Rusk County, which have been or may be transcribed from the original records of other counties, of which territory now comprising said Rusk County were formerly a part, under and by direction of the county board of Rusk County, and properly attested by the affidavit of the person or persons making such transcriptions, shall be received in all courts in this state, as prima facie evidence of the matters therein contained, in the same manner as now provided by law for the reception of record evidence.

**2.08 Transcribed records of Menominee County.** The records of Menominee County, which have been or may be transcribed from the original records of other counties, of which the territory now comprising said Menominee County was formerly a part, under and by direction of the county board of Menominee County and properly attested by the affidavit of the person or persons making such transcription or certified to under the hand and official seal of the officer having the custody of such original records, shall be received in all courts as prima facie evidence of the matters therein contained in the same manner as now provided by law for the reception of record evidence. Title in grantees of the United States to lands situated in Menominee County shall become valid as of the effective date of the patent to such grantees, and no action or proceeding shall be commenced in any court in this state to question the validity of title passed by the patent when the patent has been duly recorded with the register of deeds of Menominee County. This section shall not affect any rights of this state.