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same, and if at the time and place named in said writ any of the said jurors summoned do not attend, the sheriff shall immediately summon as many persons qualified to act as jurors as may be necessary, with the jurors in attendance, to make a panel of twenty jurors, and from these each party, or his agent, or if either party be not present in person or by agent, the sheriff for such party shall strike off four jurors, and the remaining persons shall act as the jury for the inquest of damages; and before the said jury shall proceed to act, the sheriff shall administer to each of them an oath or affirmation as the case may be, that he will justly and impartially value the damages which the owner or owners shall sustain by the condemnation of said property required by the said county commissioners, and in case said property shall be subject to a lease, or an estate for life, the jury shall ascertain and return in their inquisition the value of such lease or estate for life, and also the value of the estate in remainder or reversion; the said jury shall summon such witnesses as either party may require, and examine them on oath in relation to the property to be condemned, and shall reduce their testimony to writing, and return the same with the inquisition; and as soon as the testimony is closed, they shall ascertain and determine the compensation which ought to be made by the said county commissioners to the parties owning said property, according to their respective interest in the property to be condemned; and the said jury shall reduce their inquisition to writing, and shall sign and seal the same, and it shall be returned by the sheriff to the circuit court aforesaid, within five days after the finding, and shall be filed by the clerk of said court, and shall be confirmed by the court at its next session, if no sufficient cause to the contrary be shown, and when confirmed shall be recorded by the said clerk at the expense of said county; but if set aside, the court may order another inquisition to be taken in the manner above prescribed; and every such inquisition shall describe the property taken, and the bounds of the lands or lots condemned, and the quality or duration of interest in the same condemned, for the use of said county commissioners; and such valuation, when paid or tendered to the owners of property, his agent or attorney, shall entitle the said county commissioners to the estate and