

CHAPTER 239.

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AN ACT to provide for the defence of the State, and to aid in enforcing the laws and maintaining the authority of the Federal Government.

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

Governor may accept services of ten regiments of volunteers.

SECTION 1. In case a call shall be made by the president of the United States upon this state, to aid in maintaining the union and the supremacy of the laws, or to suppress rebellion or insurrection, or to repel invasion within the United States, the governor is hereby authorized, and it shall be his duty, to take such measures as in his judgment shall provide in the speediest and most efficient manner for responding to such call ; and to this end, he is authorized to accept the services of volunteers for active service, to be enrolled in companies of not less than seventy-five men each, rank and file, and in regiments of ten companies each, and to commission the officers for the same.

To contract for uniforms, &c.

SECTION 2. Whenever such call for troops shall be made by the president of the United States, the governor is hereby authorized to contract with responsible parties for uniforms for such of the volunteers as are not provided therewith, and for such other equipments as are necessary and proper for putting said companies in condition for active service.

Appropriation.

SECTION 3. The sum of ~~one~~^{two} hundred thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act, and to defray the expense of transporting troops, arms and munitions of war ; and the same shall be drawn from the treasury on the warrant of the governor, accompanied by vouchers for each item of expenditure, which shall be audited by the secretary of state.

State bonds.

SECTION 4. In case the foregoing contingency shall arise, and the president of the United States shall call upon the governor for volunteers, as provided in section one of this act, the governor may cause to be prepared, state bonds with coupons attached, of the state of Wisconsin, for the sum of one thousand dollars each,

to the number of one hundred: *provided*, that amount shall be required for the purposes aforesaid; and shall execute the same as the executive of the state, for and on behalf of the state, and cause the great seal of the state to be affixed thereto. Said bonds to be made payable at the bank of North America, in the city of New York, ten years from and after the first day of January, A. D. 1862, redeemable five years from the said first day of January, A. D. 1862, in case the state of Wisconsin shall so elect; with interest at the rate of six per centum per annum, payable semi-annually at the said bank of North America, on the first day of January and July in each year: *provided*, that said bonds shall not be sold at a price below their par value.

Where and when payable, interest, &c.

SECTION 5. The bonds and coupons when so executed, the governor may negotiate, at any time when required by the contingency provided for by the provisions of this act; and the money arising from the sale of all such bonds, shall be deposited with the treasurer of the state, and be applied by him for the purposes specified in this act, and for no other purpose whatever.

Negotiation of bonds.

SECTION 6. In case any portion of said bonds shall be issued under the provisions of this act, an annual tax shall be and hereby is levied upon the taxable property of the state from year to year, sufficient to pay the interest on such bonds, to be collected in addition to and with the state tax levied annually to provide for the current expenses of the state; and the proceeds of the said tax is hereby appropriated annually to pay the interest on the said bonds.

Tax to pay interest.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 13, 1861.