

[No. 376, S.]

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CHAPTER 456.

AN ACT to provide for the appointment of game wardens and prescribing their duties, and providing for the printing of the game laws, and to appropriate a sum of money therefor.

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

Governor to appoint four game wardens, —Deputies— Duties.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the governor, upon the passage of this act, to appoint four persons to be known as game wardens, whose duty it shall be to secure the enforcement of all statutes of this state for the preservation of fish and game; to bring or cause to be brought actions and proceedings in the name of the state of Wisconsin to recover any and all fines and penalties, and to punish all violations of said statutes. Such game wardens shall hold their office for the term of two years from the date of such appointment and until their successors shall be appointed and qualified, and any vacancy during such term shall be filled by the governor. Such game wardens may appoint one or more deputies for each county, who shall have all the authority of the game wardens except as herein otherwise provided. Such deputies shall receive no salary, but shall be entitled to the same fees as constables now receive in criminal cases for like services and paid in like manner. Such deputies may be removed at any time and their places filled by the game warden who appointed them.

Deputies to receive no salary — Fees.

Powers of warden or deputy.

SECTION 2. Any such game warden or any such deputy may arrest any person or persons by them detected in actually violating any provision of the laws of this state relating to the protection of fish or game, and may take such person or persons so offending before a justice of the peace, police justice or other magistrate having jurisdiction, who shall proceed with such cause in manner and form as provided by law. It shall further be the duty of such game wardens, or one of them, upon receiving information that any such law has been violated, to immediately cause a

thorough investigation to be made of such complaint and to cause proceedings to be instituted, if the proof at hand will warrant a conviction.

SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of all district attorneys of this state to co operate with the game wardens and their deputies to secure the enforcement of the laws of this state for the preservation of game and fish, and it shall be the duty of such district attorneys to institute proceedings in the name of the state of Wisconsin, when complaint is made by any such warden or any such deputy, and to prosecute all such proceedings vigorously and to furnish such game wardens or their deputies advice or assistance from time to time as the same may be required.

Duty of district attorney to institute proceedings.

SECTION 4. Such game wardens shall have an annual salary of six hundred dollars each payable monthly out of the state treasury, and actual disbursements while traveling in the line of duty; such disbursements to be audited by the secretary of state and paid out of the state treasury as other salaries and disbursements are paid, upon sworn vouchers and receipts as other accounts are audited, and also necessary printing, stationery and postage; and in no case shall a game warden appointed under this act receive a sum in excess of two hundred and fifty dollars per year for disbursements, while traveling in the line of duty, printing, stationery and postage.

Salary of game wardens.

SECTION 5. It shall be the duty of each game warden to file in the office of the secretary of state, quarterly in each year, a report stating the days and parts of days spent by him in the discharge of his duties, an itemized account of his actual expenses and disbursements, the number of suits commenced at his instance, the number of convictions secured, the aggregate amount of fines collected, and the number of persons imprisoned for the violation of the game and fish laws; also itemized statements of the amount of game or fish confiscated under the provisions of this act, and the amount of money realized from the same. Such statement shall be verified by the oath of such warden.

Wardens to file report with secretary of state quarterly.

SECTION 6. Upon the passage of this act the secretary of state shall prepare and print in pamphlet form the general laws of the state relating to the preservation of game and fish in the

Secretary of state to prepare and print game and fish laws in pamphlet form for distribution by wardens.

Appropriation.

Not to interfere with chapter 455, laws 1885.

state of Wisconsin, and shall cause five thousand copies of such pamphlets to be furnished to said game wardens for their own information and for distribution among the people of the state.

SECTION 7. A sum sufficient to pay the expenses to be incurred under the provisions of this act is hereby appropriated.

SECTION 8. This act shall not apply or in any-wise interfere with the provisions of chapter 455, laws of 1885, or any act relating to the fishing industries of Lake Michigan, Lake Superior, Chequamegon Bay, Green Bay and Sturgeon Bay, or the state fish commission.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 457.

AN ACT to appropriate a certain sum of money therein named to the heirs of those persons who were killed, and to those persons who were injured by the falling of the south wing of the capitol November 8, 1883.

WHEREAS, A large number of bills have been introduced in this session of the legislature asking for appropriations for and on account of loss of life and injuries received in the capitol disaster, November 8, A. D. 1883, substantially the same bills having been introduced at the legislative session 1885, and being disallowed by the legislature, no appeal having been taken or other legal proceedings instituted by the said claimants against the state pursuant to law, the said claimants thus recognizing the non-liability of the state; and

WHEREAS, It further appears upon the evidence submitted to the joint committee on claims, that some of the persons injured and the relatives of some of those killed are worthy of help, and the legislature being willing that the state should do