

CHAPTER 370.

AN ACT requiring publication of notice of proposed special or local legislation.

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

Notice to be given by advertisement when legislature to be applied to for act of incorporation for any purpose, or for renewal of incorporation.

SECTION 1. When any association shall be formed, for any purpose whatever, or any person or persons shall be disposed to make application to the Legislature of this State for an act of incorporation, or for [if] any company or association already incorporated, shall be disposed to make application for a renewal of their charter, or any alteration in the law incorporating them; or when any application shall hereafter be made, for the purpose of obtaining a law authorizing the erection of a bridge, the keeping and maintaining of a ferry, or the building or erection of a dam, in or over any navigable water in this State, it shall be the duty of such person or persons, so applying or associated, or the directors or stockholders of such incorporation, or some of them, to signify his or their intention, by advertisement, to be inserted for at least six weeks, successively, previous to making such application, in one or more of the newspapers published in the county where the objects of such association or incorporation are carried, or are intended to be carried into effect; and if no newspaper be published in such county, then in the newspaper or newspapers published nearest to the same; and that due proof shall be made of such notice having been published, previous to leave being given to bring in any bill to comply with such application.

Notice required when alteration of boundary lines, &c., to be applied for

SEC. 2. If any person or persons shall be disposed to make application to the Legislature of this State, for the alteration of any boundary line between two or more townships or counties, or between a city or village and township, or for the creation of any new township or county, or for the removal of any county seat, or to lay out a state road, it shall be the duty of the person or persons, intending to make such application, to signify his or their intention, by advertisement, inserted in one or more newspapers published in the county or counties in which the line or lines, so proposed to be altered, or said proposed new township or county, or any part thereof, shall lie, or in which said county seat is located, for six

weeks preceeding [preceding] such application, and that due proof shall be made of such notice having been so published, before leave shall be given to bring in any bill to comply with such application ; *Provided*, that if there be no newspaper in such county, then publication, as aforesaid, in the nearest newspaper or newspapers shall be sufficient.

SEC. 3. At the opening of each session of the Legislature, there shall be appointed a joint standing committee, consisting of three members of the Assembly and two members of the Senate, to be known as the "Committee on Local Laws," to whom all bills for the purposes specified in this act shall be committed, when first introduced; and unless evidence of the publication of the notice, required by this act, shall be presented to such committee, the committee shall report the bill back with a statement that no such proof has been furnished to it, and no further action shall be taken on such bill during such session of the Legislature.

Committee to
be appointed
by legislature.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of July, 1860.

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CHAPTER 371.

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AN ACT to cede to the town of Norway, in Racine county, the swamp and overflowed lands in said town.

Whereas, the town of Norway, in the county of Racine, contains about 2,500 acres of swamp and overflowed lands, belonging to the State, all of which are so submerged as to be, in their present condition, entirely worthless ;

And whereas, the said town of Norway is desirous that said lands be drained and reclaimed ; *and whereas*, the expenses of draining the same will equal the value of said lands after they are so drained and reclaimed ; *therefore*, for the purpose of enabling the said town of Norway to drain and reclaim said lands, and make the same saleable and productive :

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