

CHAPTER 118.

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AN ACT to amend sections 10, 11, 12 and 13 of chapter 171 of the general laws of 1868, entitled "an act to amend chapter 126, general laws of 1867, entitled 'an act authorizing the establishment of a board of immigration.'"

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

Section 10
amended.

SECTION 1. Section 10 of chapter 171, general laws of 1868, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: It shall be the duty of the board of immigration to cause to be printed in such numbers as they shall deem fit, and in as many languages as they may think best, a pamphlet, setting forth the advantages of this state as a home for immigrants, to be distributed in the eastern states, Canada and Europe, in the manner provided for by this law.

Section 11
amended.

SECTION 2. Section 11 of chapter 171 of the general laws of 1868, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: The governor shall appoint an immigration agent for the state at large, whose duty it shall be to disseminate information by the publication of suitable articles in newspapers in foreign languages or otherwise, in regard to the state in general or certain localities thereof, as a desirable home for immigrants from Europe. It shall be the duty of such agent to communicate with the local agents (to be appointed as hereinafter specified), and to inform them of the best localities in this state for immigrants to settle in. Such agent shall be *ex officio* secretary of the board, regarding all correspondence in foreign languages. He shall receive no pay or compensation for his labor, but the board of immigration shall furnish him with the necessary stationery and postage stamps.

Section 12
amended.

SECTION 3. Section 12 of chapter 171 of general laws of 1868, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: The governor with the approval of the board of immigration, shall appoint two local agents, one to reside in Milwaukee, in this state, and one to reside in

Chicago, Illinois, who shall be employed in behalf of the state at least four months during the year, and who shall be paid a reasonable compensation for the time thus actually employed. It shall be the duty of such local agent to assist and help all immigrants that may arrive in their respective places, and particularly such as may desire to locate in Wisconsin. They shall from time to time receive instructions from the state agent as to the best localities in Wisconsin for immigrants to settle in, and they shall do all in their power to induce immigrants to go to such places as designated by the state agent. It shall also be the duty of such local agents to make weekly reports to the state agent, setting forth the number of immigrants arrived during the week at their respective ports, the nativity, age, sex, occupation and destination of such immigrants.

SECTION 4. Section 13 of chapter 171 of the general laws of 1868 is hereby amended so as to read as follows: The board of immigration shall have power to aid with such sums as it may think proper, either through the local agents or otherwise, such immigrants as are determined to make Wisconsin their future home, for the purpose of assisting them in reaching their place of destination, and the board shall be authorized if possible, to arrange with railroad companies for transportation of immigrants at half fare.

Section 13
amended.

SECTION 5. All acts or parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 8, 1869.