

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 138.

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AN ACT for the destruction of lynxes, wolves and wild cats.

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

Bounty for wolf or lynx. SECTION 1. That any person who shall kill any wolf or lynx within this state, shall be entitled to receive a compensation or reward for such wolf or lynx so killed, the sum of five dollars.

For wild cat. SECTION 2. That any person who shall kill any wild cat within this state, shall be entitled to receive a compensation or reward for each wild cat so killed, the sum of three dollars.

How prove fact of killing. SECTION 3. Any person claiming such reward, shall produce the scalp of the wolf, lynx or wild cat so killed, with the ears entire, to the clerk of the board of supervisors of the county within which such wolf, lynx or wild cat shall have been killed, and such clerk shall administer to the person producing such scalp, the following oath or affirmation: "You do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that the scalp now produced by you is the scalp of a wolf (lynx or wild cat, as the case may be) taken in the county of (naming the county) by you, within thirty days last past, and that you have not spared the life of any wolf, lynx or wild cat within your power to kill." Which oath or affirmation shall be taken by the clerk in writing, and subscribed by the person producing the scalp.

Duty of clerk of board. SECTION 4. The clerk before whom such oath or affirmation is made, after causing the scalp to be destroyed in his presence, shall file the deposition so taken in his office, and shall enter in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, the date, number and amount

of all accounts certified by him to the secretary of state, in conformity with the provisions of this act, and he shall annually, on or before the first day of May in each year, make out and transmit to the secretary of state, an exhibit of all accounts so certified to by him.

SECTION 5. The secretary of state, upon presentation of any accounts for the killing of any wolf, lynx or wild cat, as provided in section four of this act, duly certified to according to law, with the certificate of the clerk, under seal, who shall have destroyed the scalps and administered the oath as provided in section three of this act, certifying that the provisions of this act have been fully complied with, shall audit the same and draw his warrant on the state treasurer for the amount; and there is hereby annually appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum of money sufficient to carry into effect the provisions of sections one and two of this act.

Secretary of state shall draw warrant.

SECTION 6. If any person shall be guilty of obtaining from the clerk of the board of supervisors of any county in this state, any such certificate as herein before provided for, by any false or fraudulent representations or practices, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison not less than one year nor more than three years, and shall forfeit all right to receive any benefit from the provisions of this act for the future.

Penalty for false representations.

SECTION 7. If any clerk of the board of supervisors of any county in this state, who shall be applied to for a certificate under the provisions of the preceding section of this act, shall wilfully or knowingly give a false certificate, such clerk shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison not less than one year nor more than three years.

Penalty for making false certificate.

SECTION 8. This act shall not be construed to interfere with or contravene the provisions of any law now in force in [this] state, allowing counties to pay bounties for the destruction of wolves, lynxes or wild cats.

How construed.

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

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