

such improvement shall have been made as provided for by this act.

SECTION 8. In case of any dispute or difference of opinion arising as to the plan or proper mode of constructing such bridge and approaches, or either of them, between the county board of supervisors and said railway company, the same shall be referred to and decided by the city engineer of the city of Milwaukee, whose decision shall be final.

Dispute between railroad company and board to be settled by city engineer.

SECTION 9. It is made the duty of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company, within sixty days from the letting of the contract by the county board of supervisors, to build the stone abutments provided for in section two of this act, and to complete said viaduct and bridge with all reasonable dispatch.

Duty of railway company.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 13, 1876.

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## CHAPTER 366.

[Published March 31, 1876.]

AN ACT to establish a State Board of Health, to provide for the appointment of a superintendent of vital statistics, and to assign certain duties to local boards of health.

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

SECTION 1. The governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, shall appoint seven persons, who shall constitute the State Board of Health and vital statistics. The persons so appointed shall hold their offices for seven years; *provided*, that the terms of office of the seven first appointed, shall be so arranged that the term of one shall expire on the thirty-first day of January of each year, and the vacancies so created, as well as all vacancies occurring otherwise, shall be filled by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate; but any one may be re-appointed.

Appointment of state board of health.

SECTION 2. The State Board of Health shall have the general supervision of the interests of the health and life of the citizens of the state. They shall especially study the vital statistics of this state, and

Duties of board of health.

endeavor to make intelligent and profitable use of the collected records of death and sickness among the people. They shall make sanitary investigations and inquiries respecting the causes of disease, and especially of epidemics; the causes of mortality, and the effects of localities, employments, conditions, ingesta, habits and circumstances on the health of the people, and they shall gather such information in respect to those matters as they may deem proper, for diffusion among the people. They shall, when required, or when they shall deem it best, advise officers of the government, or other boards within the state, in regard to the location, drainage, water-supply, disposal of excreta, heating, and ventilation of any public institution or building. They shall from time to time recommend standard works on the subject of hygiene for the use of the schools of the state. They shall, in the month of January, make report to the legislature of their doings, investigations and discoveries during the year ending December thirty-first, with such suggestions as to legislative action as they may deem necessary.

Meetings of  
board and pow-  
ers of same.

SECTION 3. The first meeting of the board shall be within ten days after its appointment, and thereafter in June and January in each year, and at such other times as the board or president of the board shall deem expedient. The meeting in January of each year shall be in Madison. A majority shall be a quorum. They shall choose one of their number to be president, and may adopt rules and by-laws subject to the provisions of this act. They shall have authority to send their secretary or a committee of the board to any part of the state when deemed necessary to investigate the cause of a special or unusual disease or mortality, or to inspect any public building.

Secretary of  
board and du-  
ties of same.

SECTION 4. The board shall elect a secretary, either from their own number or otherwise, but when elected he shall be a member of the board and its executive officer. He shall hold his office so long as he shall faithfully discharge the duties thereof, but may be removed for a just cause, at a regular meeting of the board, two-thirds of the members voting therefor. He shall perform the duties prescribed by this act, and such others as the board may require. He shall keep a record of the transactions of the board, shall have the custody of all books, papers, documents, and other property be-

longing to the board; he shall, so far as practicable, communicate with other state boards of health and with the local boards of health within this state; shall keep and file all reports received from such boards, and all correspondence appertaining to the business of this board. He shall aid, so far as possible, in obtaining contributions to the library and museum of the board. He shall prepare blank forms of returns, and such instructions as may be necessary and forward them to clerks of the several boards of health throughout the state. He shall collect information concerning vital statistics, knowledge respecting diseases, and all useful information on the subject of hygiene, and through an annual report, and otherwise, as the board may direct, shall disseminate such information among the people.

SECTION 5. The secretary shall receive an annual salary, which shall be fixed by the State Board of Health; he shall also receive his necessary traveling expenses incurred in the performance of his official duties. The president of the board shall quarterly certify the amount due him, and on presentation of said certificate the secretary of state shall draw his warrant on the state treasurer for the amount. The other members of the board shall receive no compensation for their services, but their traveling and other necessary expenses while employed on the business of the board shall be paid.

Salary and allowance of secretary.

SECTION 6. The sum of three thousand dollars per annum, or so much thereof as may be deemed necessary by the State Board of Health, is hereby appropriated to pay the salary of the secretary, meet the contingent expenses of the office of the secretary, and the expenses of the board, and all costs for printing, which shall not exceed the sum hereby appropriated. Said expenses shall be certified and paid in the same manner as the salary of the secretary.

Appropriation for expenses of board.

SECTION 7. It shall be the duty of the health physician, and also of the clerk of the local board of health in each township, city and village in this state, at least once in a year, to report to the state board of health their proceedings, and such other facts required, on blanks, and in accordance with instructions received from the state board. They shall also make especial reports whenever required to do so by the State Board of Health.

Health physician and clerks of local boards to report to state board.

SECTION 8. In order to afford this board better advantages for obtaining knowledge important to be

Duty of officers of state, physicians and others.

incorporated with that collected through special investigations, and other sources, it shall be the duty of all officers of the state, the physicians of all mining and incorporated companies, and the president or any agent of any company chartered, organized or transacting business under the laws of this state, so far as practicable to furnish the State Board of Health any information bearing upon public health, which may be requested by said board, for the purpose of enabling it better to perform its duties of collecting and distributing useful knowledge on this subject.

Secretary to be superintendent of vital statistics.

SECTION 9. The secretary of the State Board of Health shall be the superintendent of vital statistics. Under the general direction of the secretary of state, he shall collect these statistics, and prepare and publish the report required by law relating to births, marriages and deaths.

Board to have charge of quarantine matters and general public health.

SECTION 10. The board shall have charge of all matters pertaining to quarantine, and shall have authority to make such rules and regulations as they may from time to time deem necessary for the preservation or improvement of public health, and it shall be the duty of all police officers, sheriffs, constables, and all other officers and employes of the state, to enforce such rules and regulations, so far as they shall be intended to effect [affect] their respective duties.

Duties of officers of state.

Rooms to be provided for board and secretary.

SECTION 11. The secretary of state shall provide a room suitable for the meetings of the board, at Madison, and office room for its secretary.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved March 13, 1876.

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## CHAPTER 367.

[Published April 4, 1876.]

AN ACT to protect fish in the Baraboo river, in the counties of Columbia, Sauk, Juneau, Monroe, and Vernon.

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

Fish not to be taken with seine or net.

SECTION 1. No person or persons shall place, set, draw or use any seine, net, pound or gill-net, drag-