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## CHAPTER 259.

AN ACT to appropriate to the Wisconsin state hospital for the insane certain sums of money to defray current expenses, and for special purposes.

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

Appropriation,  
\$151,900.

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Wisconsin state hospital for the insane, out of any money in the general fund not otherwise appropriated, the following sums of money for the purposes specified, viz.: To pay current expenses to January 1, 1881, one hundred fourteen thousand five hundred dollars; for closets and bath rooms in wards, one thousand dollars; for covering steam pipes, fifteen hundred dollars; for new floors, fifteen hundred dollars; for new wash basins and sinks, nine hundred dollars; for medical library, five hundred dollars; for changing steam pipes and new radiators under west wing, two thousand dollars. All moneys appropriated under this section shall be drawn from the treasury under the provisions of section one hundred and seventy-two of the revised statutes, and shall be used only for the purposes for which they are appropriated.

Special appropriation.

SECTION 2. There is also appropriated, out of any money in the general fund not otherwise appropriated, the sum of thirty thousand five hundred and eleven dollars, to pay the indebtedness of the institution, created by the enlargement, furnishing for and support of the patients provided for, heretofore contracted without express authority of law.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 260.

AN ACT to amend section one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three of chapter eighty-seven of the revised statutes of 1878, entitled "of railroads."

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

Consolidation  
of lines.

SECTION 1. Section one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three of chapter eighty-seven of the revised statutes of 1878, entitled "of railroads," is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 1833.

Any railroad corporation may consolidate its stock, franchises and property with any other railroad corporation, whether within or without the state, when their respective railroads can be lawfully connected and operated together, to constitute one continuous main line, with or without branches, upon such terms as may be agreed upon, and become one corporation, by any name selected, which within this state shall possess all the powers, franchises and immunities, including the right of further consolidation with other corporations under this section, and be subject to all the liabilities and restrictions of this chapter, and such in addition, including land grants and exemptions of land from taxation, as such corporations peculiarly possessed, or were subject to at the time of consolidation or amalgamation, by the laws then in force applicable to them or either of them. Articles stating the terms of consolidation shall be approved by each corporation by a vote of the stockholders owning a majority of the stock in person or by proxy, at either a regular annual meeting thereof, or a special meeting called for that purpose in the manner prescribed in section one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six or by the consent in writing of such stockholders annexed to such articles; and a copy thereof with a copy of the records of such approval or such consent, and accompanied by lists of their stockholders and the number of shares held by each duly certified by the respective presidents and secretaries, with the respective corporate seals affixed, of such corporations, shall be filed for record in the office of the secretary of state, before any such consolidation shall have any validity or effect. Any railroad corporation whose line is wholly within this state, may lease or purchase the railroad, franchises, immunities and all other property and appurtenances thereof, of any other railroad corporation when their respective railroads can be lawfully connected and operated together to constitute one continuous main line, with or without branches. But no railroad corporation shall consolidate with or lease or purchase or in any way become owner of or control any other railroad corporation, or any stock, franchises, rights or property thereof which owns or controls a parallel or competing line, to be determined by a jury.

Purchase of  
franchises.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 15, 1890.