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CHAPTER 150.

AN ACT for the payment of a bounty on wild animals.

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

Animals enumerated.

SECTION 1. Every person who shall kill any wolf shall be entitled to a reward of six dollars; and every person who shall kill any wild cat or lynx shall be entitled to a reward of three dollars; and every person who shall kill any fox shall be entitled to a reward of two dollars.

Carcass to be exhibited to chairman of town board.

SECTION 2. Any person claiming such reward shall exhibit the carcass of the animal so killed to the chairman of the board of supervisors of the town wherein such animal was killed, and obtain from such chairman a certificate that such animal was exhibited to him, which certificate shall be in the following form:

Certificate of chairman.

State of Wisconsin, county of —, town of —, ss.
I, —, chairman of said town, in said county, do certify that — has this day exhibited to me the carcass of a —, which he claims to have killed in said town on the — day of —, 18—.

Dated —, 18—.

—, chairman, town of —.

Scalp and ears to be produced to county clerk.

And the person claiming such reward shall, within sixty days after killing any animal for the killing of which a reward is offered, produce the scalp of the animal so killed, with the ears entire, to the county clerk of said county, and shall take and subscribe in writing the following oath:

Oath of person producing scalp.

State of Wisconsin, county of —, ss.

I, —, do solemnly swear that the scalp produced by me is the scalp of a —, taken and killed by me in the town of —, in this county, on the — day of —, 18—; that I exhibited the carcass of such — to the chairman of said town immediately after killing such animal; that the certificate of said chairman now produced by me is the genuine certificate of said chairman, signed by him; and that I have not spared the life of any wolf, wild cat, lynx or fox, within my power to kill, and that I am a resident of this county.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this — day of —, 18—.

The said oath may be taken before the county clerk or any person authorized by law to administer oaths.

Scalp to be destroyed.

SECTION 3. Such clerk shall cause such scalp to be destroyed in his presence, and shall enter in a book the

name of the claimant, date of oath and amount claimed, and shall immediately transmit to the secretary of state such oath, together with a certificate under his hand and official seal, that such scalp was presented to him, and that he caused such scalp to be destroyed in his presence. Such oath and certificate shall be upon blanks to be furnished by the secretary of state. On receipt of such oath and certificate, the secretary of state shall audit such claim, and the same shall be paid out of the state treasury.

SECTION 4. For the destruction of wolves, wildcats, lynxes or foxes, it shall be lawful to put out baits containing poison between the first day of December and the first day of March, but the same shall not be placed within eighty rods of a dwelling house, and the person putting out such baits shall immediately thereafter post, in three public places in the town, notice of the putting out such baits, describing the land and location on which such baits are placed, and the date when put out, and within three days after the first day of March, shall take up and effectually destroy the same. For failure or neglect to so post such notices, or to so take up and destroy said baits, the person so putting out the same shall be liable for all damages sustained by such failure or neglect, and shall also forfeit the sum of five dollars.

When poisoned baits may be put out.

SECTION 5. The same reward shall be paid for any wolf, lynx, wild cat or fox, so destroyed by poison as is provided in section one of this act; and there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sufficient sum of money for the purposes of this act.

Same reward to be paid for animal poisoned as if otherwise destroyed.

SECTION 6. All acts or parts of acts contrary to the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 22, 1881.

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CHAPTER 151.

AN ACT to amend section two thousand four hundred and thirty-three, of chapter one hundred and thirteen of the revised statutes, entitled "of the circuit courts."

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

SECTION 1. Section two thousand four hundred and thirty-three of chapter one hundred and thirteen

Appointment of court commissioners.