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## CHAPTER 444.

AN ACT to amend section 238, chapter 16, of the revised statutes, and for the better protection of the public lands.

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

Act amended.

SECTION 1. Section 238, chapter 16, of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by inserting after the word, "may," in the first line of said section the words, "in his discretion," and by striking out the word, "six," in the said first line of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the word, "eight," so that said section, when so amended, shall read as follows: Section 238. The governor may in his discretion appoint not more than eight agents for the purpose of protecting the public lands, and any lands in which the state may have any interest legal or equitable. Every agent so appointed before entering upon his duties, shall take and subscribe the following oath of office: I do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the state of Wisconsin; that I will not engage either directly or indirectly in the purchase for my own benefit, or for the benefit of any other person, of any of the public lands, so long as I remain an agent of the state, and that I will faithfully and to the best of my ability, discharge the duties of such agent, so help me God; and file the same in the office of the governor; and every such agent is prohibited from purchasing any of the public lands directly or indirectly, either in his own name or in the name of any other person in trust for him, and for every tract or parcel of land purchased in violation hereof, he shall forfeit two hundred and fifty dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.  
Approved April 11, 1885.