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CHAPTER 493.

AN ACT facilitating negotiation between county, village and town authorities and railroad representatives in laying out crossings of railroads and highways.

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

Highway crossing railroad, how constructed.

SECTION 1. Whenever any highway heretofore or hereafter to be laid out shall cross any railroad and the supervisors of the town, trustees of the village, or county board of supervisors, in case of a county road, in which said road shall lie shall deem it to the best interest of the public that said highway should be so constructed as to cross said railroad above or below the tracks of said railroad, and an amicable arrangement can be made between said town or county supervisors or village trustees, and the owner or operator of said railroad as to the manner of said crossing and for the doing of such work and the construction of such piers, abutment, bridge, truss or other devise for such crossing by said highway so over or under its tracks, said town or county supervisors or village trustees, as the case may be, may enter into a contract with said railroad owners or operators for the doing of such work and such construction; and said town or county supervisors or village trustees shall after the execution of said contract assess upon the taxable property of said town, village or county, as the case may be, at the time other highway taxes are therein assessed, a tax sufficient to raise the amount necessary to carry out said contract, and the same shall be collected when other taxes are collected, and shall be set aside as a special fund, and the same shall be paid for said work in installments as such work progresses or otherwise, as may be provided for, in and by said contract upon town, village or county orders, as the case may be.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage and publication.

Approved April 14, 1887.