

SECTION 3. The said persons, their heirs or assigns, are hereby authorized and empowered to receive and collect from the owners of logs, timber and lumber passing over such slides, or driven by the aid of said dam, as a compensation for keeping up and maintaining such dam, the sum of two cents per thousand feet, board measure, the amount to be ascertained by scale on the landings. And the aforesaid persons, their heirs and assigns, shall have a lien upon all logs, timber or lumber passing over said dam, or driven by the aid thereof, until the charges aforesaid shall be fully paid, which lien may be enforced in the same manner as the lien of laborers on logs on said river; provided, that they shall at all times comply with the provisions of this act.

SECTION 4. The control of said dam, the slides and gates of the same, shall belong to the aforesaid persons, their heirs and assigns, but subject always to the provisions of section 2 of this act.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication, but the legislature reserves to itself the right to amend, alter or repeal this act whenever in its judgment the public interest may so require.

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CHAPTER 187.

AN ACT to promote school attendance and restrain truancy.

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

SECTION 1. Every parent or other person having under his control any child between the ages of seven and thirteen years, shall cause such child to attend, for at least twelve weeks in each and every school year, some public or private school; provided, however that this act shall

Children between the ages of seven and thirteen years to attend school at least twelve weeks each year; exceptions.

not apply to any child that has been or is being otherwise instructed, for a like period of time in the elementary branches of learning, or that has already acquired such knowledge, or whose mental or physical condition is such as to render his or her attendance at school and application to study inexpedient or impracticable, or who lives more than two miles from any school by the nearest traveled road, or who is excused for sufficient reasons by any court of record. Every person who shall violate the provisions of this section, shall upon conviction thereof, be fined in any sum not less than three dollars nor more than twenty dollars for each and every offense.

Duty of school officers to prosecute offenses under this act; penalty for neglect.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the director of any school district, or the president of the board of education of any incorporated village or city, or any truant officers appointed by such board of education, to prosecute any offense occurring under this act, and such person neglecting to prosecute for such fine within fifteen days after a written notice has been served upon him, by any qualified elector or tax-payer within the district, village or city within which the offending party shall reside, shall be liable to a fine of not less than ten nor more than twenty dollars for each and every offense.

Truant officers may be appointed; their duties.

SECTION 3. The board of education of every city and incorporated village, and the district school board in every school district, may appoint one or more persons, who shall be designated as truant officers, whose duty it shall be, acting discreetly, to apprehend upon view, all children between seven and thirteen years of age, who habitually frequent or loiter about public places, and have no lawful occupation, and place such children, when so apprehended in such schools as the parent or other person having the control of such children may designate; and such officers shall report all cases of truancy to their respective boards of education, within a reasonable time. The persons appointed such truant officers shall be entitled to such compensation as shall be fixed by the boards appointing them and such compensation may be paid out of the school fund.

Fines collected to be credited to district where offender resides.

SECTION 4. The fines provided for by this act shall, when collected, be paid over by the officers collecting the same to the proper school treasury

of the city, village or school district in which such person convicted resides, to be applied and accounted for by such treasurers in the same way as other moneys raised for school purposes, and shall be placed by such treasurers to the credit of any city or district in which such person resided at the time of conviction.

SECTION 5. It shall be the duty of all officers empowered to take the annual school census to ascertain the number of children between the ages of seven and thirteen years, in their respective districts, the number of children between such ages who do not attend school, and in so far as possible, the cause or causes of such failure to attend school.

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SECTION 6. All acts or portions of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

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

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CHAPTER 188.

AN ACT to authorize the common council of the city of Menomonie to appropriate certain moneys in the city treasury to purchase a site for a city building, or place the same in the general fund.

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

SECTION 1. The common council of the city of Menomonie is hereby authorized and empowered to appropriate the state loan fund of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) now in the treasury of said city, or as much thereof as may be necessary, to purchase a site for a city building in and for said city, at such time as the common council may determine; the residue of said fund

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