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CHAPTER 217.

AN ACT relating to the destruction of noxious weeds, and amendatory of chapter 432, of the laws of 1889.

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

Amends
chapter 432,
laws of 1889.

Overseers of
highways may
be elected.

Commissioners
of noxious
weeds.

Powers and
duties.

SECTION 1. Section 3, of chapter 432, of the laws of 1889, shall be so amended, that at the end of said section 3, two new sections shall follow, known as section 3a, and section 3b, to-wit: Section 3a. After reading of the act relating to noxious weeds, at the annual town meetings, as provided for in chapter 233, laws of 1885, the chairman of each town, or the officer presiding at such town meeting, shall put to the qualified voters present at such meeting the following proposition for their decision, to-wit: "Shall the overseers of highways be *ex officio* commissioners of noxious weeds in their respective road-districts?" If answered by the majority of the voters present in the affirmative, the chairman of such town shall appoint such overseers as commissioners of noxious weeds, and no others; but if a majority of the voters present shall reject the proposition, then the chairman of such town shall proceed as prescribed in section 3 of chapter 432, laws of 1889.

Section 3b. Such overseers of highways duly appointed as provided in the previous section shall be *ex officio* commissioners of noxious weeds in their respective road districts, and after taking the oath of office shall be clothed with all the powers, perform all the duties, receive all the immunities, and be subject to the same penalties as provided for in chapter 432 of the laws of 1889.

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

Approved April 11, 1891.