

Gates county, and properly attested by the affidavit of the person or persons making such transcriptions, shall be received in all courts in this state, as prima facie evidence of the matters therein contained, in the same manner as now provided by law for the reception of record evidence.

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

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CHAPTER 404.

AN ACT, granting and defining the power of condemnation for library sites, and amendatory of chapter 41 of the statutes of 1898, and creating a new section to be known as section 931b.

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

Power conferred to acquire site by condemnation proceedings.

SECTION 1. A new section is hereby created and added to chapter 41 of the statutes of 1898, to be numbered and read as follows:

“Section 931b. Whenever the said board of directors shall certify to the city council, village or town board, that it is unable to acquire the site selected for a just and reasonable price, and that a just and reasonable price for the site selected does not exceed the amount which may legally be expended therefor, said city council, village or town board shall proceed to acquire such site by condemnation, in the manner provided by sections 895 to 904 of the statutes of 1898, inclusive, or, in case of any city under general charter or any city under special charter having adopted the provisions of the law relating to condemnation by cities under a general charter, in such a manner as provided by law for acquiring sites for any other public buildings. Should the compensation awarded in the condemnation proceedings exceed one-third of such gift, such proceedings

shall nevertheless be valid if, within sixty days after the final award, such excess be provided for by private donation or otherwise; but in case such excess be not so provided for then said proceedings shall, upon motion, be dismissed with costs."

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

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CHAPTER 405.

AN ACT for the adjustment of claims of the state and of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway Company for certain lands granted by the United States.

Preamble. Whereas, it is claimed by the state of Wisconsin that certain lands heretofore conveyed by the United States to The State, and by The State to the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway company, or its predecessors in interest, some or all of which have been by that company sold and the consideration therefor received by it, were swamp lands, and that The State is therefore entitled to said lands, or the proceeds of the sales thereof; and

Preamble. Whereas, it is claimed by the railway company that certain lands heretofore conveyed by the United States to The State in aid of the building of the lines of the road of said company have not been conveyed by The State to it, and that it is legally entitled to a deed thereof as record evidence of its title; and

Preamble. Whereas, it is for the interest of The State, the citizens of The State and of said railway company that such question should be speedily adjusted. Therefore,