

No. 481, S.]

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CHAPTER 491.

AN ACT to create sections 1494—131 to 1494—135, inclusive, of the statutes, enabling the commissioners of public lands to acquire certain lands by purchase at tax sales and also certain tax title lands from the several counties in the state, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

SECTION 1. There are added to the statutes five new sections to read:

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No. 515, S.]

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CHAPTER 492.

AN ACT to enable, permit and authorize the city of Grand Rapids to build and maintain a bridge across the Wisconsin river on section seventeen (17), township twenty-two (22) north, of range six (6) east.

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

Location of bridge; construction. SECTION 1. The city of Grand Rapids in the county of Wood and state of Wisconsin, is hereby, enabled, permitted, authorized and empowered to erect and forever maintain a bridge across the Wisconsin river, between a suitable point to be selected by the common council of said city, on block thirty-three (33) Neeve's first and second addition to the city of Grand Rapids, accord-

Report. SECTION 1494—122. The results of said appraisal shall be reported by the state forester to the state board of forestry and to the commissioners of public lands of this state.

(Ch. 96, 1907.)

Sale to United States. SECTION 1494—123. When said appraisal is completed the said commissioners of public lands are hereby authorized to convey all the right, title and interest of the state therein to the United States if the United States within a reasonable time shall authorize the payment to the state of Wisconsin of the full amount found by said appraisal to be the value of said lands and the timber thereon.

(Ch. 96, 1907.)

Proceeds to forest reserve fund. SECTION 1494—124. All moneys received for said lands and timber thereon from the United States shall be paid into the state treasury and, except when otherwise disposed of by constitutional provision, shall constitute a part of the forest reserve fund, which part shall be disbursed only for the purchase of lands by the state to be added to the state forest reserve.

(Ch. 96, 1907.)

Forest reserve, tax sale purchases for. SECTION 1494—131. The commissioners of public lands are hereby authorized to acquire lands north of town 33 for the forest reserve by purchase at tax sales, and other lands which may be hereafter acquired by any county under tax deeds and also lands which have been heretofore acquired by said counties and which remain unsold.

(Ch. 491, 1907.)

County tax deeds; purchase by state. SECTION 1494—132. Whenever any county in this state north or partly north of town 33 is entitled to a tax deed upon a certificate of sale upon any real property in this state, the county clerk of such county shall at the time of deeding such land to the county, file in the office of the commissioners of public lands a list of said lands and the date of the tax deed and the record thereof, together with a statement of the total amount due the county for taxes, interest, fees and expenses in acquiring such tax title. The lands so acquired by any such county shall not

be sold by the county except to the state until one year after the taking of such deed unless the commissioners of public lands shall give notice to said county that the state does not desire to acquire title thereto.

(Ch. 491, 1907.)

County must sell to state; price, interest. SECTION 1494—133. The commissioners of public lands may select any or all of such tax title lands within one year from the date of the recording of a tax deed thereon conveying the same to the county and shall pay therefor to the county not to exceed the total amount due said county for taxes, interest, and charges together with interest not to exceed six per cent. from the date of such deed, and the county clerk of any county owning any such lands is hereby authorized and directed to execute a deed of such lands to the state of Wisconsin upon payment of the purchase price thereof as agreed upon by the state and county and the purchase price thereof shall be paid to the county treasurer of such county from the general fund of the state on the order of the commissioners of public lands after being audited by the secretary of state.

(Ch. 491, 1907.)

Redemption from state. SECTION 1494—134. All statutes of limitations now or hereafter in force applicable to persons holding lands under tax deeds shall apply to the state and to the original owners of such lands acquired and actions may be brought against the state within the period provided by such statutes of limitation to recover such lands from the state, but in all such actions no costs shall be recovered against the state, and the original owner in case of recovery shall comply with the provisions of section 3087, of the statutes.

(Ch. 491, 1907.)

Annual appropriation. SECTION 1494—135. There is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, so much money each year as may be necessary therefor, not exceeding ten thousand dollars per annum.

(Ch. 491, 1907.)

Butter and cheese manufacturers: accounts must be accessible; penalties. SECTION 1494a. Any butter or cheese manu-