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CHAPTER 322.

AN ACT to amend sections 24.34 and 24.35 of the statutes; and to create sections 24.355, 20.1925 and 20.195 of the statutes, relating to the commissioners of public lands, and making appropriations.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Sections 24.34 and 24.35 of the statutes are amended to read: 24.34 In case of the sale of any public lands made by mistake, or not in accordance with law, or obtained by fraud, and in cases where the state had no title to such lands, or its title has failed, such sale shall be void and no contract, certificate of purchase or patent issued thereon shall be of any effect, but the person named as vendee, or his successor in interest, as the case may be, may furnish * * * to the commissioners, * * * such proof as shall satisfy them of the facts. Thereupon they shall * * * order * * * all * * * amounts, either of principal or interest, paid for the lands described in the contract, certificate or patent, together with the interest thereon from the time of each such payment, at the rate of six per cent per annum, simple interest, to be refunded and paid out of the state treasury, from the fund to which it has been credited, to the person entitled thereto; provided that no money * * * shall be paid to any person participating in any such fraud.

24.35 Whenever the said commissioners shall have erroneously or improperly issued any certificate or patent for any public lands, whereby wrong or injustice has been or may be * * * done, including cases where the state had no title to the lands, or its title has failed, they may, upon the written application of such purchaser, or his successor in interest * * * revoke and annul such certificate or patent by their order, which with such application, shall be filed and recorded in their office. A certified copy of such order may be recorded in the office of the register of deeds for the county where such lands lie, and thereupon such certificate or patent shall be absolutely null and void. When such order is so recorded there shall be paid out of the state treasury, from the fund to which it has been credited, to such purchaser, or his successor in interest * * * the amounts in the manner and as provided in the preceding section. * * *

SECTION 2. There are added to the statutes three new sections to be numbered and to read: 24.355 All claims under sections 24.34 or 24.35 shall become barred, unless application therefor

be made within five years from the time of such payment, or, in cases where the state never had title, from the time when the invalidity of the title of the state was established.

20.1925 There is appropriated from the normal school fund, to the commissioners of public lands, a sum sufficient to carry out the provisions of sections 24.34 and 24.35; but all payments hereunder shall be subject to the approval of the governor.

20.195 There is appropriated from the common school fund, to the commissioners of public lands, a sum sufficient to carry out the provisions of sections 24.34 and 24.35; but all payments hereunder shall be subject to the approval of the governor.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 323.

AN ACT to appropriate to the assembly contingent fund and senate contingent fund sums of money therein named.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the assembly contingent fund the sum of one thousand dollars, and to the senate contingent fund the sum of five hundred dollars.

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

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CHAPTER 324.

AN ACT to create section 21.615 of the statutes, relating to an armory board.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. A new section is added to the statutes to read: 21.615. (1) There is hereby created an armory board consisting of the adjutant general, the chief quartermaster, and the commanding officer of each of the regiments and separate battalions of the Wisconsin national guard, whose duty it shall be, subject to, and upon the approval of the governor, to approve the selection of all armory sites, to make all contracts for the erection of armories, and the acquisition of armories already