

the court may fix a term less than the maximum and more than the minimum prescribed by law for the offense and the form of the sentence shall be substantially as follows:

“You are hereby sentenced to the state prison at Waupun at hard labor for a general indeterminate term of not less than (the minimum * * * *as fixed by the court*) years, and not more than (the maximum *as fixed by the court*) years” and shall have the force and effect of a sentence of the maximum term, subject to the power of actual release from confinement by the board of control or actual discharge of the governor upon recommendation of the board of control or by pardon as provided by law. If through mistake or otherwise any person shall be sentenced for a definite period of time for any offense for which he may be sentenced under the provisions of this section, such sentence shall not be void, but the person shall be deemed to be sentenced nevertheless as defined and required by the terms of this section. Persons convicted of treason, murder in the first degree as defined by law, rape, kidnaping, or in the case of any other crime for which a minimum penalty is fixed by statute at twenty years or more, shall be sentenced for a certain term of time. Nothing herein shall be construed to extend or modify the term of imprisonment of any person sentenced prior to the enactment of this statute.

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

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CHAPTER 528.

AN ACT to make an appropriation to defray the expenses of the special joint committee on forestry and public lands appointed pursuant to Joint Resolution No. 4, A.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the expenses which the special joint committee on forestry and public lands appointed pursuant to Joint

Resolution No. 4, A. may incur pursuant to said joint resolution, including expenses for necessary stenographic and other assistants.

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

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CHAPTER 529.

AN ACT to create sections 89.75 and 20.605 of the statutes, relating to the building of dams and making an appropriation. *The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Two new sections are added to the statutes to read: 89.75 (1) Any drainage district, town or county may appropriate money for the purpose of erecting a dam over or across any drain or ditch constructed under chapters 88 or 89 of the statutes.

(2) The commissioner of agriculture shall be advised of the proposed appropriation by such district, town or county and he shall investigate the reasonable necessity therefor for agricultural purposes.

(3) If after such investigation said commissioner shall in writing certify to the secretary of state that in his judgment such improvement would be in aid of agriculture within the limits of such drainage district and shall also certify the amount which has been appropriated therefor by the district, town or county and upon such certification the district, town or county may proceed to construct such dam.

(4) Upon the completion of said dam the commissioner of agriculture shall so certify to the secretary of state and direct said secretary to draw his warrant on the state treasury in favor of such district, town or county for an amount equal to that which was appropriated by the district, town or county for the building of such dam.

20.605 There is appropriated to the department of agriculture from the drainage fund not to exceed ten thousand dollars each year for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section