

No real estate belonging to or held in trust for the state which is exempt from taxation shall be subject to special taxes or assessments for local improvements, any different or inconsistent provision in any city charter notwithstanding. Whenever at the time of the conveyance of any land to the state or as a consideration thereof, the state or any person, firm, or corporation holding such land for the state leases or creates any beneficial interest equivalent to a lease of such land or part thereof to or for the grantor, the exemption provided in this subsection shall not apply to such land or part thereof during the term of such lease or interest, unless such land or part thereof is used for public purposes; except that this provision shall not apply to any property already acquired or for acquisition of which negotiations pending at the time this subsection takes effect, and which shall be acquired prior to October 1, 1933, nor to any property acquired from any municipal corporation. *The provisions of this subsection in force and effect prior to the adoption of this amendment (1941) shall not be construed to have exempted from taxation any such residential, rental income producing, improved real estate in this state heretofore owned exclusively by the United States or by any corporation the capital stock of which is owned by the United States, or any such real estate administered by any federal agency, corporate or otherwise.*

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

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### CHAPTER 87.

AN ACT to amend 59.07 (7) of the statutes, relating to the appointment of county purchasing agents.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (7) of section 59.07 of the statutes is amended to read:

(59.07) (7) Prescribe the form and manner of keeping the public records of the county in any county office and the accounts of the several county officers; and, except in counties of

a population of \* \* \* 125,000 or more, may appoint a person or committee as county purchasing agent, and such person or member of such committee need not be a member of the county board but may be the county clerk, county treasurer, or any other county officer, and make appropriations for their services. Such purchasing agent shall provide all books, stationery, blanks, safes, furniture, telephone service, fuel, and lights necessary for the discharge of official business in the offices of the county clerk, clerk of the circuit court, register of deeds, treasurer, sheriff, and county judge, and the chairman of the county board shall forthwith sign an order in payment therefor. When the cost of such supplies exceeds \$60, the said purchasing agent shall in such manner as he shall deem best to secure the attention of probable bidders, invite proposals of similar standard supplies of equal quantity, and shall purchase from the lowest reliable bidder. In counties having a population of \* \* \* 125,000 or more, purchases shall be made for any or all of the offices, boards, departments, and commissions of said county in such manner and by such agency as the county board shall by ordinance provide for.

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

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### CHAPTER 88.

AN ACT to create 85.01 (4) (ha) of the statutes, relating to part year fees.

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

SECTION 1. Paragraph (ha) of subsection (4) of section 85.01 of the statutes is created to read:

(85.01) (4) (ha) SAME; PERSONS CALLED TO MILITARY DUTY. The motor vehicle owned by any person who engages in active service of any of the naval or military forces of the United States shall be exempt from the registration provisions of chapter 85 for any period not less than one month of any registration year, provided the owner thereof makes written