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**CHAPTER 425**

AN ACT to amend 25.30, 28.04 (2), 28.05, 28.06 (1) and 28.13 of the statutes, relating to sale of forest products from state forests.

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

SECTION 1. 25.30 of the statutes is amended to read:

25.30 All moneys received from state forest lands as defined in ch. 28 shall be paid into the reforestation fund and are appropriated to the conservation commission for the im-

provement of state forests or the purchase of additional lands. One-fourth of the gross income received after July 1, \* \* \* 1953, from the sale of standing timber \* \* \* and one-fourth of the stumpage value of forest products \* \* \* sold after cutting from each state forest shall be apportioned annually to those counties which have areas within the boundaries of such state forests. The sum payable to such counties shall be prorated on the basis of state forest acreage in each county as given in the conservation commission land record as of June 30. As soon as feasible after August 1 of each year the conservation commission shall certify to the director of budget and accounts the amount due each county under this section for the preceding fiscal year and the amount so certified shall be paid to the respective counties. The county treasurer shall retain half of such sum for the county and shall apportion and pay the remainder to the several town treasurers on the basis of state forest acreage owned in each town, as certified to him by the conservation commission.

SECTION 2. 28.04 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

28.04 (2) Maps and records for each state forest shall be compiled, covering land ownership, forest planting, cultural cutting, timber sales and special use areas. Based on these records, plans shall be projected for future work, with forest inventories and growth studies leading to determination of the allowable annual cut which can be taken while building up a normal forest growing stock of high quality. *The allowable annual timber cut shall require approval by the commission.*

SECTION 3. 28.05 of the statutes is amended to read:

28.05 (1) Cutting shall be limited to trees marked or designated for cutting by a forester in the professional series of the state classified civil service or by a commission-designated employe equally qualified by reason of long, practical experience. The commission is authorized to sell products removed in cultural or salvage cuttings and standing timber designated in timber sale \* \* \* contracts, but all sales shall be based on *tree scale or on the scale, measure or count of the cut products.*

(2) Sales of cut products or stumpage having an estimated value of \* \* \* \$500 or more shall be by public sale after published notice in a newspaper having general circulation in the county wherein the timber to be sold is located. Sales with a value of \$1,000 or more shall require \* \* \* approval by the \* \* \* *conservation director.*

SECTION 4. 28.06 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

28.06 (1) Only planting stock of species and sizes suitable for forest and woodlot planting shall be produced in state forest nurseries. The commission may employ labor, \* \* \* at prevailing local wages for nursery operation or reforestation \* \* \*.

SECTION 5. 28.13 of the statutes is amended to read:

28.13 Every timber sale shall be \* \* \* *based on the tree scale, or the scale, measure or count of the cut products as reported by a scaler acceptable to the county board committee charged with the administration of county forests. Any timber sale in excess of \$500 shall be by sealed bid after publication of notice of sale in a newspaper having a general circulation in the county. Timber sale contracts with an estimated value below \$500 may be authorized by the committee. Any sale with an estimated value of \$500 or more shall require indorsement of the county finance committee \* \* \* and where such estimated value exceeds \$1,000, the \* \* \* approval of the conservation \* \* \* director shall also be required.*

Approved July 2, 1953.

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