

CHAPTER 2.

[Published May 27, 1861.]

AN ACT to provide for the assistance of volunteers in the service of the United States Government.

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

County board may levy tax.

SECTION 1. In all cases where the county board of supervisors shall deem it necessary or expedient, a tax may be levied on the taxable property of the county, by order of such county board, for the purpose of providing for the support of the families residing within such county, of volunteers who are or may be in the military service of the United States government or of this state; and the money so raised may be disbursed upon a just and equitable basis to the members of such families needing such assistance, under the direction of the said county board; and the said board shall keep a full and complete statement and account of the disposition of the said money, and file the same in the office of their clerk.

How disbursed.

Statement to be filed with clerk.

Tax may be raised by town, city, or incorporated village.

SECTION 2. It shall be lawful for any town, city or incorporated village, at any general or special meeting of the electors thereof, to raise and appropriate by tax, levied in the usual manner, on all the taxable property, such sum or sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the support of families residing and being within such town, city or village, of volunteers in the military service of the United States government.

Special fund.

SECTION 3. The moneys raised in pursuance of the second section of this act, shall constitute a special fund, independent of moneys raised by counties for a similar purpose, and shall be used and expended under direction of the board of supervisors of the town, or the common council of the city, or the board of trustees of the village: *provided*, that a full and complete statement and account shall be kept open to public inspection, of the disposition of the said fund.

Account to be kept.

Special meeting.

SECTION 4. A special meeting may be called by the proper authorities, upon notice of not less than five nor more than twenty days, of the electors of any town, city or incorporated village, to raise and appropriate money for the purpose indicated in section two of this act.

SECTION 5. It shall be lawful for the board of supervisors of any town, or the common council of any incorporated city, or the board of trustees of any incorporated village, to audit and allow any account for the support of any volunteers or volunteer companies, while enrolling and actually assembled in quarters and under drill, preparatory to their being received into the militia of the state; and such board shall draw their warrant upon the treasury of such town, city or village, for the amount of such account, in favor of the party entitled thereto, or may, by resolution, direct the payment by such treasurer, in such manner as they may prescribe; and whenever written application shall be made to such board, signed by twelve freeholders of such town, city or village, a special meeting of the qualified electors shall be called upon a notice of not less than five or more than twenty days, at which time it shall be lawful for such electors to vote a tax for the purposes named in this section, which shall be voted, levied and collected in the same manner as other taxes are by law authorized to be voted, levied and collected.

How accounts to be audited and warrants drawn.

How special meeting to be called.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 3.

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AN ACT to provide for extraordinary expenditures in the Executive Department.

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

SECTION 1. The governor is hereby authorized and empowered to employ such aids, clerks and messengers as the public interests may require, and allow them such reasonable compensation for their services and expenses as in his judgment they shall be entitled to receive; and on the requisition of the governor, the secretary of state shall draw his warrant on the treasury for the

How money to be drawn.