

Chapter 154.

Published May 18th, 1858.

AN ACT relating to the publication of the Revised Statutes.

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

SECTION 1. The printing of the Revised Statutes shall be done under the general supervision of one of the commissioners to revise the laws, or some competent person, to be selected by the Governor, who shall be denominated, Superintendent of the Printing of the Revised Statutes, and he shall receive such compensation as the Governor may deem just and proper; *Provided*, That the per diem shall not be more than six dollars per day. The said Superintendent shall attend personally to the printing of said Statutes, shall read the proof, append such marginal notes on all the pages, indicating the subject matter of each section respectively, as are required, arrange the chapters, and prepare a proper index for the same. He shall compare the work, as it progresses, with the specimen or standard volume hereinafter provided for, and shall have full power, with the consent of the Governor, to stop the work at any time, if in his opinion it is not being done in accordance with the contract, and not allow it to proceed until he is satisfied that the execution of the work is, in every respect, equal to the standard, and is such as its importance demands. All acts of a general nature, passed at the present session of the Legislature, shall be included in said volume of the Revised Statutes, and it shall be the duty of said Superintendent, and he is hereby authorized to compile and properly arrange said acts for publication therein. And the Secretary of State, on the completion of the publication of the Revised Statutes, is hereby authorized to draw a warrant on the State Treasury for the amount of compensation of said Superintendent, and there is hereby appropriated out of the State Treasury, a sum sufficient to meet the expenses, as provided in this section.

The printing of the statutes to be done under a superintendent.

Proviso.

Duty and power of same.

General acts to be included in volume.

Payment of superintendent.

How statutes
to be printed;

SEC. 2. The Revised Statutes shall be published in one volume, large octavo, the text on new small pica type, the notes in minion, and printed on good quality of book paper, bound in good substantial law book style, and shall be equal in quality and of material and workmanship to a specimen volume which shall be selected by the Governor, and placed in the Executive office as a standard, and by which the work shall be executed; and said volume of Statutes shall contain such matter besides the general and permanent laws of the State, and such marginal notes and index, as shall be prescribed by law. And it shall be the duty of the person having the contract for furnishing the said Statutes, to cause to be printed on the cover under the title, on the back of each volume, the words "State Property."

Cover.

Copyright.

Provisos.

SEC. 3. The copyright of the Revised Statutes is hereby secured to such person or persons as shall become the contractor or contractors to furnish the same; *Provided*, Such person or persons shall, within twenty days after he or they shall be notified of the acceptance of his or their proposition for furnishing said Statutes, execute to the Governor of this State a bond in the penal sum of twenty thousand dollars, with two or more sureties, each of whom shall be a resident of this State, and shall each justify in the amount of the bond to be given, to be approved by the Governor, conditioned for the faithful performance of the work, in accordance with the standard on deposit in the Executive office, and for the delivery of the said volumes, as hereinafter provided; *Provided, further*, That the retail price shall not exceed four dollars per volume; *Provided, further*, That such copyright shall only hold good as against individuals.

To advertise
for sealed pro-
posals; open-
ing same and
awarding of
contract.

SEC. 4. The Governor, Attorney General and State Treasurer are hereby required, immediately after the passage of this act, to advertise, in at least six newspapers in this State, giving not less than ten days notice, for sealed proposals for delivering to the Superintendent of Public Property, ten thousand copies of the said Revised Statutes, in style as provided for in the second section of this act; and at the time fixed, the Governor, Attorney General and State Treasurer, shall proceed to open such proposals, and award the work to the person or persons whose proposition shall be by

them considered the lowest and best; and the Governor shall enter into a contract with such person or persons for performing the work in accordance with the terms proposed, and in accordance with this act; *Provided*, That the preference shall be given to a bill [bid] made by a person or persons proposing to do the work in this State, the terms and conditions being equal. Provide.

SEC. 5. The said Revised Statutes shall be delivered at the seat of government of this State, within four months after the contract is entered into, and proposals for furnishing said Statutes, shall guarantee the time within which it shall be completed, and the Governor, Attorney General and State Treasurer, shall consider shortest time, as well as the lowest price in awarding the contract; and the Governor of this State is hereby authorized to receive and accept said Statutes so delivered, and to deliver to said contractor a receipt for the same, and to cancel his bond. When to be completed and delivered.

SEC. 6. Upon the completion and delivery of the entire ten thousand copies as before provided, upon the presentation of the receipt of the Superintendent of Public Property, that they are so delivered and accepted by the Governor, Attorney General and State Treasurer, [the Secretary of State] shall audit the entire account for furnishing the Statutes in accordance with the contract price, and draw his warrant upon the State Treasurer therefor. Auditing account for the same.

SEC. 7. The Secretary of State is hereby authorized and directed, to furnish to the contractor for furnishing and publishing the Statutes, the copy for the same as rapidly as it can be prepared from day to day, as the same is deposited in his office. Copy—how to be furnished.

SEC. 8. The Constitution of the United States, and of the State of Wisconsin, the Declaration of Independence, and such United States Laws and Ordinances as are in the present Statutes, shall be published with the Revised Statutes. To include.

SEC. 9. There is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated a sum of money sufficient to pay all warrants drawn in accordance with the provisions of the preceding sections of this act. Appropriated.

SEC. 10. The bill [bid] hereinbefore mentioned, shall Bid.

be so much per volume, of one thousand pages, and so much for each additional hundred pages.

SEC. 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication, and the State Printer is hereby required to publish it immediately after its passage.

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Chapter 155.

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AN ACT providing for the appointment of a Comptroller and prescribing his duties.

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

- Comptroller—** SECTION 1. The office of Comptroller is hereby created. The Governor shall nominate, and by and with the consent of the Senate, appoint some suitable person Comptroller, who shall hold his office for the term of two years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, unless sooner removed by the Governor. Whenever a vacancy shall occur it shall be filled by the Governor; *Provided*, That the first Comptroller, under this act, shall have power to act, though appointed by the Governor, after the adjournment of the present session of the Legislature; but the appointment thus made, shall be confirmed by the Senate during the next succeeding session of the Legislature.
- Governor to nominate and Senate to confirm.**
- Proviso.**
- Duty.** SEC. 2. The Comptroller shall examine and pass upon all claims and accounts audited by the Secretary of State, and if he shall find the same properly verified, or proved and authorized by law to be audited, he shall certify that fact upon such claim or account.
- Secretary of State to audit accounts, &c.** SEC. 3. All claims and accounts against the State, authorized by law to be audited, shall be audited by the Secretary of State, as required by law. The order of the Secretary State, auditing any claim or account, shall be endorsed on or annexed to such claim or account, and shall state particularly the acts or parts of acts