

Chapter 68.

Published May 5th, 1858.

AN Act to release the claim of the State of Wisconsin to certain lands therein specified.

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

Claim of State of Wisconsin released as to lands sold prior to the granting of patents.

SECTION 1. The claim of the State of Wisconsin to any and all lands selected as swamp and overflowed lands, and which may have been sold or disposed of by the United States to any individual or individuals prior to the issue of a patent to the State; also, to any and all lands heretofore granted to this State for any purpose, and which may have been entered at either of the land offices of the United States prior to the date of selection of such lands by the Governor of the State, is hereby released; and it shall be the duty of the Governor of this State to execute a release thereof in such form as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, and to locate a like amount of lands in conformity with the provisions of the act entitled "An Act for the relief of purchasers and locators of swamp and overflowed lands," approved March 2d, 1855, and the provisions of the several acts of Congress making such grants; *Provided*, That the provisions of this act shall not extend to any of the aforesaid swamp and overflowed lands that were pre-empted under any laws of this State, or settled upon prior to the entry of the same in any land office of the United States.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 29th, 1858.