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CHAPTER 287.

AN ACT to provide for the organization of road districts.

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

SECTION 1. Whenever the owners of real estate exceeding in value one-half of all real estate, according to the last preceding assessment roll, in any township in this state, being part of any organized town, and three-fourths or more of the lands in such township being unoccupied, shall, by themselves or their duly authorized agents, petition the board of supervisors of the town in which said township is located to lay out and open a public highway through or into such township from some town or county highway, it shall be the duty of the board of supervisors of said town to at once lay out and establish said highway as nearly as practicable on the line indicated in such petition.

Duty of board of supervisors to lay out road upon petition of property holders.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the said supervisors to proceed to open and put said highway in a suitable condition for travel as fast as it can be done from the highway tax levied upon the property in said township owned by such petitioners, which shall be applied solely for that purpose, and for the purpose of paying for right of way over lands not owned by such petitioners, if compensation for such right of way is claimed or required to be paid, until such highway is completed, or for the term of three years from the date of the order laying out said highway, and the said supervisors may, if they think proper, allow the whole of the highway tax levied upon the lauds in such townships to be expended in constructing such highway for the whole or any part of the period aforesaid.

Duty of supervisors to expend money raised for that purpose in building road and securing right of way.

SECTION 3. Before any of such highway tax shall be expended upon any such highway the petitioners therefor shall execute and file in the office of the town clerk of such town a good and sufficient release of all damages for the right of way for such highway over and across the lands owned by them; *provided*, that this act shall not be construed to prevent the inhabitants of any such township or the officers of any such towns from laying out highways therein in the manner provided by law.

Petitioners to file release of damages for right of way.

Duty of supervisors in letting contracts for construction of highway.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of said supervisors to let the contracts for the construction of such highway to the lowest responsible bidder, and to give notice of the time and place of the letting of such contract or contracts by publishing notice thereof once in each week for three successive weeks in some weekly newspaper published in such county, prior to the time for letting such contract, and if there be no newspaper published in such county then by posting notices of the time and place of the letting of such contract, in four public places in such county, one thereof being at the post office at the county seat of such county, and three within the township in which such highway is located.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 288.

AN ACT to discontinue a state road from Chippewa Falls, in Chippewa county, to Augusta, in the town of Bridge Creek, in Eau Claire county.

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

State road discontinued.

SECTION 1. That part of the state road lying in Eau Claire county, laid out by authority of chapter 330, of the general laws of 1864, from the city of Chippewa Falls, in the county of Chippewa, to the village of Augusta, in the town of Bridge Creek, in the county of Eau Claire, according to the survey now on file in the office of the secretary of state, is hereby discontinued.

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

Approved March 8, 1877.