

ording to said report, may be necessary to overflow, and that all right or claim of the state for damages occasioned by any such overflow, whether against the United States or any agent or employee thereof be, and the same is hereby fully released and satisfied.

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

Approved March 28, 1882.

[No. 177, S.]

[Published April 14, 1882.]

### CHAPTER 257.

AN ACT to amend section 655, chapter 35, revised statutes, relating to change of county seats.

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

SECTION 1. Section 655 of chapter 35 of the revised statutes is hereby amended as follows: In the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth lines of said section strike out the words, "but a majority of such votes shall be against such removal, then," and insert in place thereof the word "and," so that said section as amended will read as follows: Section 655. Whenever two-fifths of the legal voters of any county, to be determined by the poll lists of the last previous general election held in such county, the names of which voters shall each appear on some one of the poll lists of said election, shall present to the board of supervisors a petition signed by them asking a change of the county seat to some other place, such place to be designated in such petition, it shall be the duty of such board to submit the question of removal of the county seat to a vote of the qualified voters of the county in the manner herein provided. Such election shall be held only on the day of the general election for state and county officers, and shall be conducted and the votes canvassed, certified and recorded in the same manner as other votes at such election, and none but citizens entitled to vote at such general election shall be entitled to vote on the question of the change of county seat. At such election those voting for the change of the county seat shall deposit a ballot in a separate box to be provided for the change of the county seat, and those voting against such change shall deposit a ballot against the change of county seat. If a majority of all the votes cast at such election on that subject shall be in favor of the proposed change, it shall be the duty of the chairman of the board of super-

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visors to certify the same, with the attestation of the county clerk, to the governor, who thereupon shall issue his proclamation to that effect, and cause the same to be published in the official state paper, and from the date of such publication the place so designated shall be the county seat of such county, and it shall not be lawful for the board of supervisors to again submit the question of removal at any time within five years. Four weeks' previous notice of such election shall be given by the county clerk by publishing the same once a week for four weeks in all the newspapers published in such county, or if there be no newspaper published in such county, then a written or printed notice shall be posted in two conspicuous places in each town in the county at least four weeks previous to such election; provided, that this act shall not prohibit the submission to vote or a removal of a county seat in cases where the county board has prior to the passage of this act ordered that the question of removal shall be submitted to vote, at the next general election.

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

Approved March 28, 1882.

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[Published April 10, 1882.]

### CHAPTER 258.

AN ACT relating to the assessment of personal property for taxation.

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

Assessment of personal property.

SECTION 1. All saw logs, timber, railroad ties or telegraph poles cut in this state, owned by any person or corporation not residing in this state and having no agent in this state, shall be assessed in the assessment district where the same shall be banked or piled for shipment either by water or railroad.

Saw logs, timber, etc.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the assessor of the assessment district in which saw logs, timber, railroad ties or telegraph poles owned by non-residents as aforesaid may be located, to ascertain at any time during the month of April in each year, the amount of such property in his assessment district, by actual view, as far as practicable, to fix the value of said property and assess the same to the said owners as other personal property is valued and assessed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 28, 1882.