

exceeding two hundred acres to any one person; at the minimum price of one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per acre, under such rules, requirements, restrictions, conditions and provisions as the commissioners of public lands may fix and establish; such rules, requirements, restrictions, conditions and provisions to be submitted to, and sanctioned by the governor of the state.

SECTION 4. All acts and parts of acts conflicting with this act are hereby repealed.

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

Approved April 3, 1883.

[No. 25, A.]

[Published April 13, 1883.]

CHAPTER 333.

AN ACT relating to municipal subscription to railroad stock, and amendatory of section 946 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes.

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

SECTION 1. Section 946 of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by striking out the work "five," in the eighth line of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof, the words "thirty, nor more than sixty," so as to make said section, when so amended, read as follows: Section 946. The proposition provided for in the last preceding section may be accepted, so as to become mutually obligatory, in either of two modes, as follows:

Relating to municipal subscriptions to railroad stock.

1st. Within three months after the filing of any such proposition with the proper clerk, the railroad company, may, by a written request, require notice to be given by such clerk, in the same manner hereinafter provided for giving notice of an election to consider such a proposition, that after a date in such notice named, not less than thirty, nor more than sixty days from date of notice, a petition to the proper authorities, of such municipality, praying that such proposition may be accepted and carried into effect, will be presented for their signatures to the resident tax-payers thereof, which petition, embracing a copy of such proposition, shall be appended as a part of such notice. If thereafter, and within four months from the filing of such proposition, with such clerk, the railroad company shall deliver to such clerk such

Notice required by such clerk.

petition, embracing a copy of such proposition, and bearing the signatures of a majority of the persons residing in such municipality, who were assessed for taxes on real or personal estate, in such municipality, as shown by the last assessment roll, which signatures shall be verified by the affidavit of some person who witnessed the signing of the same, then such proposition shall be deemed accepted, and the proper county board, town board, village board, board of trustees, or common council, shall carry the same into effect, in the manner hereinafter provided.

Election may
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be held.

2d. At any time within three months after the receipt of such proposition, together with a request signed by at least twelve resident free-holders, that a vote be taken thereon, the respective county board, town board, village board, board of trustees or common council of the municipality to which the same is made, may, in their discretion, order an election to be held; and thereupon the clerk of such municipality shall publish a notice of such election, to be held at the usual places of holding elections therein, at a time to be fixed by him, not less than thirty nor more than sixty days from the date of such notice; which notice shall further contain a copy of the proposition made by such railroad company, and shall notify the legal voters thereof to deposit a ballot upon which shall be written or printed, "For the railroad proposition," or "Against the railroad proposition;" and such notice shall be posted in three public places in each election district in the municipality in which aid is desired, at least twenty days before the day of such election, and shall also be published at least three times before such election, in one newspaper in such city, village or town, if any be published therein; and if none be published therein, then in some newspaper in the county; and if the aid is asked of a county, in all the newspapers published therein; and if no newspaper be published in such city, village, town or county, then such notice shall be published in a newspaper published at the nearest place thereto in which one is published. Such election shall be held and conducted in the same manner that general elections in such counties, towns, villages or cities are by law required to be held and conducted, except that no registration of voters shall be required; and the votes cast at

such election shall be counted, canvassed and returned in the same manner as the votes at such general election; and the canvassers shall make, certify, sign and deposit with the clerk of such county, town, village or city in which such election is held, a statement of the result of such election; and such certified statement shall be presumptive evidence of the number of votes cast for or against such proposition, and also that such election was regularly held and conducted according to law. But it is expressly provided that if the railroad company shall elect to pursue the first mode aforesaid, by causing such notice of the presentment of a petition for signature to be given in any case, then no election shall be held, and unless such proposition be accepted in the time and manner provided in the first of said modes, it shall be deemed finally rejected.

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

Approved April 3, 1883.

[No. 221, S.]

[Published April 14, 1883.]

CHAPTER 334.

AN ACT to appropriate a sum of money therein named to pay for chaplain services in the legislature for the year 1883.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated out of the general fund not otherwise appropriated, the sum of fifteen dollars (\$15), for each and every clergyman officiating as chaplain for the legislature of 1883; provided that such chaplain shall have performed such service for one week.

Appropriation
for chaplain
services.

SECTION 2. The chief clerks of the senate and assembly shall certify to the secretary of state the names of the several clergymen who have officiated as chaplain during the session of 1883, as provided in section one of this act, whereupon the secretary of state shall issue his warrant in equal sums to the several persons who have officiated as chaplain.

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

Approved April 3, 1883.