

dam; provided, that S. L. Cowan, Isaac H. Wing and Wm. H. Phipps, their associates and assigns, shall at all times comply with the provisions of section 2 of this act, and section 3377 of the revised statutes of 1878.

Vested rights.

SECTION 4. The control of said dam, the slides and gates of the same, shall belong to the said S. L. Cowan, Isaac H. Wing and Wm. H. Phipps, their associates and assigns, and be under their exclusive control, subject always to the provisions of section 2 of this act; and, provided further, that the right of the legislature is hereby reserved to alter, amend or repeal this act at any future time.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 345.

AN ACT to license telephone companies.

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

Shall pay license.

SECTION 1. Every person, company, association or corporation engaged in this state in the business of transmitting messages by telephone, or of renting, letting or keeping telephone instruments, wires and batteries, or either for hire, shall, on or before the 10th day of February in each year, make and return to the state treasurer, in such form and upon such blanks as shall be furnished by him, a true statement of the gross receipts of such person, company, association or corporation during each year; which statement shall be verified by the president, secretary and treasurer of such company, association or corporation, or of the person so letting, renting or keeping telephones, wires and batteries, or either for hire, otherwise by the oath of two of the principal officers of such company, association or corporation. The statement herein required for the year 1883, may be returned on or before the first day of June, 1883.

Date of license.

SECTION 2. Every such person, company, association or corporation shall, upon returning such statement, apply for a license to carry on such

telephone business within the state, and shall pay the license fee therefor provided in the next section, and thereupon shall receive from the state treasurer, a license to carry on such business for the calendar year, commencing on the first day of January preceding, and ending on the succeeding thirty-first day of December, unless sooner revoked.

SECTION 3. The annual license fee provided for in the preceding section shall be one (1) per centum of the gross receipts of the business within the state.

Per centum to be paid.

SECTION 4. If any such person, company, association or corporation engaged in the telephone business in this state, shall neglect to obtain such license, or pay such license fee or any part thereof as hereinbefore provided, such person, company, association or corporation shall absolutely forfeit to the state the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), to be recovered in an action brought in the name of the state, and such neglect in the cases of associations or corporations shall also be a cause of forfeiture of all the rights, privileges and franchises under which such business is carried on, whether granted by special charter or obtained under laws or existing by comity in foreign corporations. And the attorney general shall, upon such neglect, collect by action the pecuniary forfeiture herein imposed and also proceed to have such rights, privileges and franchises duly declared forfeited. Any association or corporation at any time before final judgment of forfeiture of such rights, privileges and franchises is rendered, may be permitted to make the return and pay the license fee herein provided for, upon special application to the court in which the action to declare such forfeiture is pending, upon such terms as the court shall direct.

Penalty for non-compliance with the law.

SECTION 5. The payment of the license fee hereinbefore provided for shall be in lieu of all taxes for any purposes authorized by the laws of the state, except taxes upon such real estate as as may be owned by such person, company, association or corporation, which is in nowise connected with or in anywise used in the prosecution of such telephone business.

License fee to be in lieu of all taxes.

SECTION 6. The license herein provided for shall certify to the fact of the payment of the license

Attest.

fee, be attested by the greater or lesser seal thereto affixed, and shall be in such form as shall be approved by the attorney general.

Section 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 346.

AN ACT to amend section 2 of chapter 314 of the laws of 1882, relating to the employes of the legislature.

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

Employes of legislature, salaries of same.

SECTION 1. Section 2, chapter 314 of the laws of 1882, is hereby amended by adding after the words "all messengers each two dollars," where they occur in said section, the following: "The document room attendant of the senate, three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50); the document room attendant of the assembly, three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50); the general attendant of the assembly, three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50); the flag man and wash-room attendant of the assembly, each three dollars (\$3.00)," so that said section when amended will read as follows: Section 2. Section 112. The chief clerks shall receive a salary of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) for each regular session, and ten dollars (\$10.00) per day for each special session, and fifty dollars (\$50.00) for opening each session, which shall be in full for transcribing, indexing and all other services rendered; the other officers and employes of the senate and assembly shall receive per diem as follows: The sergeant-at-arms, the assistant clerks and book-keepers, each, five dollars (\$5.00); transcribing clerks, enrolling clerks and engrossing clerks, proof readers, the assistant sergeant-at-arms and postmasters, each, four dollars (\$4.00); all other clerks and assistant postmasters, each, three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50); door-keepers, firemen, porters, gallery attendants, night-watchmen and janitors, each, three dollars (\$3.00); all messengers, each, two dollars (\$2.00); the document room attendant of the senate, three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50); the document room attendant of the assembly, three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50); the