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CHAPTER 456.

AN ACT to expedite the settlement of the claims of the state under the swamp land grant.

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

WHEREAS, This state has unsettled claims against the general government under the swamp land grant for many thousand acres of land, and after the lapse of more than thirty-five years since the passage of the grant, it is full time that such grant was definitely settled, that the state might accurately know its rights thereunder, and that the title of individual purchasers of such lands might be perfected and quieted.

Relating to settlement of claims of the state.

SECTION 1. The governor is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a special agent to proceed to Washington and settle all such conflicting and unsettled claims as soon as possible.

Governor authorized to appoint a special agent.

SECTION 2. The governor shall fix the compensation of such agent, and such compensation and the necessary expenses of such agent shall be audited by the secretary of state upon the governor's approval.

Agent's salary to be fixed by governor.

SECTION 3. There is hereby appropriated from the normal school fund and the drainage fund, one-half from each fund, a sum of money sufficient to pay such agent's compensation and such expenses.

Appropriating a sum of money.

SECTION 4. This act shall be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 11, 1885.