

the exhibit of the condition and work of the public schools of Wisconsin, that may be made by the several grades of schools in conformity with the general plan for the national exposition. The secretary of state is hereby authorized and directed to issue warrants for the amount herein appropriated, upon requisition of the state superintendent, as the same may be needed in sums of five hundred dollars each, and the state superintendent shall use the same in payment of bills for expenses provided for in this act, audited by him; and the said state superintendent shall make full report in the next biennial report issued from his office, of the amounts allowed and paid by him for the purposes herein designated.

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

Approved March 30, 1887.

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CHAPTER 189.

AN ACT to provide for the partition of personal property owned by tenants in common.

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

Providing for
partition of
personal
property.

SECTION 1. When any two or more persons shall own any personal property as tenants in common and any one or all shall be desirous to have a division of the same, it shall and may be lawful for such person or persons to commence an action therefor. The complaint in such action shall comply substantially with the provision required for a complaint for a partition of real property in section 3102, of the revised statutes of 1878, so far as the same are applicable. Such action shall be tried by the court without a jury, and if in the opinion of the court a division of such personal property can be had without a sale thereof, then the court shall give judgment accordingly, dividing such property as nearly co-

equally as possible, and vesting in each tenant in common, his or her share in severalty.

SECTION 2. Whenever a division of such prop-
erty cannot be had without injury to some of the parties interested, and a sale thereof may be deemed necessary by the court, it shall be the duty of the court to order a sale of the same, and the sheriff of the county in which such action is tried, or some other fit person to be appointed by said court, shall sell said property, after giving ten days' notice by posting up a written notice of such sale in three public places in the town, city or village where such property is found to be, at public auction, and the bill of sale of such sheriff or person so appointed shall be deemed and taken as good and sufficient to convey, to the purchaser of said property at such sale, such title, interest and estate in said property as the respective tenants in common had, and the sheriff, or person appointed as aforesaid, shall forthwith report to the court from which the order of sale issued, all his proceedings in such case, and the court secure to such tenant in common, his or her ratable share in severalty of the proceeds of such sale.

Sale may be ordered.

SECTION 3. The sheriff or other person appointed to make a sale as aforesaid, shall be entitled to compensation for his services, to be judged of by the court and taxed in the bill of costs against the defendant in such action where the court shall find that such defendant refused to divide or sell said property and divide the proceeds thereof, upon the application of the plaintiff, otherwise such sheriff or other person shall be paid out of the common proceeds of such sale.

Compensation of sheriff for making sale.

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

Approved March 31, 1887.