

No. 350, S.]

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## CHAPTER 412.

AN ACT granting to the United States jurisdiction over certain lands in Ashland county.

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

U. S. may purchase certain land in city of Ashland for public building.

SECTION 1. The consent of the state of Wisconsin is hereby given to the purchase, by the United States, of any tract or tracts of land in the city and county of Ashland, for the erection of a building under the provisions of an act of congress, approved May 22, 1890, entitled, "An act for a public building at Ashland, Ashland county, Wisconsin;" and the state hereby cedes to the United States, exclusive jurisdiction over such tract or tracts of land as shall be purchased for the purpose aforesaid, so long as they shall be or remain the owner thereof, for all purposes except the administration of the criminal laws of said state, and the service of civil process therein.

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

Approved April 23, 1891.

No. 155, S.]

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## CHAPTER 413.

AN ACT to repeal all laws providing for the preservation and recount of ballots.

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

Certain laws providing for preservation and recount of ballots, repealed.

SECTION 1. Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, of chapter 464, of the laws of 1885; chapter 250, of the laws of 1887; chapter 370, of the laws of 1887; and chapter 336, of the laws of 1889

(being sections 44a to 44n, inclusive, of the annotated statutes); and all acts and parts of acts providing for the preservation and recount of ballots, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Section 45, of the revised statutes of 1878, as amended by section 4, of chapter 507 of the laws of 1889, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 45. If any of the ballots cast at any election are found to be so defective that the inspectors of election cannot determine with reasonable certainty for whom they were cast, and if any ballot or ballots shall be cast by any voter or voters who shall have been challenged, but whose ballot or ballots shall have been received, and if any ballot or ballots shall be decided by the inspectors not to be defective, by a vote or decision of a majority only of the inspectors, and not by unanimous decision of all the inspectors, they shall make a statement in writing, in duplicate certified to be correct, and signed by them, of the contents of each of such ballots, and attach such statements to the statements of the canvass. They shall carefully seal up in an envelope all such ballots, and deliver the same forthwith to the proper town, city or village clerk, to be preserved in his office. No ballot shall be regarded as defective, however, by reason of the misspelling of a candidate's name, or by the abbreviation, addition, omission or use of the wrong initial of the candidate's name; but every ballot shall be counted for the candidate for whom it was evidently intended, if the intention of the voter can be clearly ascertained from the ballot itself. All other ballots shall be destroyed, on completion of the canvass; provided, however that no canvass shall be deemed to be completed, nor shall any ballots cast at any election be destroyed until after at least two of the inspectors, one each of the two political parties which cast the largest vote in the same precinct or polling place at the last preceding general election, shall have separately canvassed said ballots, and severally verified the canvass thereof, and certified the same over their respective signatures; and in case of disagreement as to any ballot or ballots, such ballot or ballots shall be considered defective, and shall be disposed of as hereinbe-

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45, R. S. 1878,  
as amended.

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fore provided for the disposition of defective ballots.

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

Approved April 23, 1891.

No. 132, S.]

[Published May 4, 1891.

## CHAPTER 414.

AN ACT to amend section 1751, revised statutes of 1878, relating to corporations.

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

Amends sec.  
1751, R. S. 1878.

SECTION 1. Section 1751 of the revised statutes of 1878, is hereby amended by striking out the words "but such transfer shall not be valid, except between the parties thereto, until the same shall have been so entered on the books of the corporation, as to show the names of the parties by and to whom transferred, the number and designation of the shares, and the date of the transfer," where the same occur in said section and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "The delivery of a stock certificate of a corporation to a *bona fide* purchaser or pledgee, for value, together with a written transfer of the same, signed by the owner of the certificate, his attorney or legal representatives, shall be sufficient delivery to transfer the title as against all parties; but no such transfer shall affect the right of a corporation to pay any dividend due upon the stock, or to treat the holder of record as the holder in fact, until such transfer is recorded upon the books of the corporation, or a new certificate is issued to the person to whom it has been so transferred," and said section is hereby further amended by striking out the following words at the end of said section: "And every such corporation shall at all times have a lien upon all shares or stock for all debts due from the owner thereof to such corporation," so that said section, when