

unpaid, become indebted or contract debts for a greater amount, including debts heretofore contracted, as well as that herein authorized, than five per centum on the value of all taxable property in said county, to be ascertained by the last assessment for the state and county taxes previous to incurring the indebtedness authorized by this act.

County board to ratify provision of act. SECTION 4. Before contracting any indebtedness hereunder, and before any of said trust funds shall be delivered to the said county of Portage, in exchange for said certificates of indebtedness, the county board of said county, at a regular or special meeting, shall by resolutions accept the provisions of this act, and the terms and limitations herein provided, and shall file with the secretary of state, copies of said resolutions, certified by the clerk of said county. The certificates of indebtedness herein provided for shall be made payable to the commissioners of public lands, and shall be signed by the chairman of said county board, and countersigned by the county clerk of said county.

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

Approved March 9, 1901.

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CHAPTER 46.

AN ACT relating to the sale of lands by executors, administrators and guardians and to amend section 3913 of the Wisconsin statutes of 1898.

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

Appraisal and sale, how made. SECTION 1. Section 3913 of the Wisconsin statutes of 1898 is hereby amended by striking out the words "not less than the appraised value" in the eleventh line of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the following words, to be approved by the court licensing said sale, so that said section as amended shall read as follows: Section 3913. The county court may, in its discretion, authorize an executor,

administrator or guardian to have the lands which he may be licensed by said court to sell appraised by three disinterested freeholders of the county in which the lands or some part thereof lie. Such appraisal shall be under oath, which oath and appraisal shall be certified in the usual form and filed in the court from which said license was issued. The executor, administrator or guardian so licensed shall offer the lands at public auction in the manner provided by law; and if at public auction no bid shall be made of a greater sum than the appraised value such executor, administrator or guardian may sell such lands at private sale at a price to be approved by the court licensing said sale, and if not sold within one year they may be sold at public auction.

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

Approved March 11, 1901.

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CHAPTER 47.

AN ACT to amend section 1729a of chapter 83, of the Wisconsin statutes of 1898, relating to the assignment of written evidences of indebtedness from employer to employe for wages.

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

Wages, how paid; to whom law not applicable; written evidence of indebtedness negotiable. SECTION 1. Section 1729a, chapter 83, of the Wisconsin statutes of 1898, is hereby amended by striking out the word "assignable" where the same appears in the thirteenth line of said section and by inserting in lieu thereof the word "negotiable," so that said section when so amended shall read as follows: "Section 1729a. All wages or compensation for labor or service, unless there shall be a written contract to the contrary, shall be paid weekly or bi-weekly in cash; provided, that this section shall not apply to agricultural laborers, commercial travelers, persons employed on commission, traveling employes of railway or express companies, per-