

of the secretary of state, by the person or persons to whom the franchise is hereby given, of a written acceptance of the conditions herein contained.

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CHAPTER 486.

AN ACT to prohibit public officers from asking, accepting or using a free pass, frank or privilege withheld from any other person for the traveling accommodation or transportation of any person or property, or the transmission of any message or communication, and amendatory of chapter 357 of the laws of 1899.

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

Free pass; public officers not to ask or accept; penalty. SECTION 1. Chapter 357 of the laws of 1899 is hereby made a section of the statutes of 1898 and amended so as to read as follows: Section 4552a. No person, association, co-partnership, or corporation, shall offer, or give, for any purpose, to any political committee, or any member or employee thereof, to any candidate for, or incumbent of any office or position under the constitution or laws, or under any ordinance of any town or municipality, of this state, or to any person at the request or for the advantage of all or any of them, any free pass or frank, or any privilege withheld from any person, for the traveling accommodation or transportation of any person or property, or the transmission of any message or communication. No political committee, and no member or employee thereof, no candidate for and no incumbent of any office or position under the constitution or laws, or under any ordinance of any town or municipality, of this state, shall ask for, or accept, from any person, association, co-partnership, or corporation, or use in any manner, or for any purpose, any free pass or frank, or any privilege withheld from any person, for the traveling accommodation or transportation of any person or property, or the transmission of any message or communication. Any violation of any of the above provi-

sions shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison not more than five years nor less than one year, or by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, nor less than two hundred dollars. No person, and no agent or officer of any corporation within the purview of this act shall be privileged from testifying in relation to anything therein prohibited; and no person having so testified shall be liable to any prosecution or punishment for any offense concerning which he was required to give his testimony or produce any documentary evidence. *The term "free pass" shall include any form of ticket or mileage entitling the holder to travel over any part of the line or lines of any railroad issued to the holder as a gift or in consideration or partial consideration of any service performed or to be performed by such holder except where such ticket or mileage is used by such holder in the performance of his duties as an employee of the railroad issuing the same.*

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

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CHAPTER 487.

AN ACT providing for the taxation of vessels and other water craft.

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

Taxation of vessels. SECTION 1. All ships, boats and vessels and their appurtenances belonging to inhabitants of this state, whether at home or abroad, shall be taxed as personal property.

Law repealed. SECTION 2. Chapter 192 of the laws of 1901 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after May 1st, 1906.

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