

No. 62, S.]

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CHAPTER 139.

AN ACT to amend section 146 of the statutes, relating to the drawing of warrants by the secretary of state.

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

SECTION 1. Section 146 of the statutes is amended to read:

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Approved May 24, 1907.

(In effect July 1, 1907.)

No. 312, A.]

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CHAPTER 140.

AN ACT to amend section 1411, statutes of 1898, relating to the powers and duties of local boards of health.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1411, statutes of 1898, is amended to read:

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Approved May 25, 1907.

(In effect July 1, 1907.)

Special counsel for state; contract for compensation.

SECTION 131. Whenever in the opinion of the governor, the rights, interests or property of the state shall have been or shall be liable to be injuriously affected, he may require the attorney general to institute and prosecute any proper action or suit for the redress or prevention thereof; and whenever he shall receive notice of any action or proceeding between other parties by which the rights, interests or property of the state shall be liable to be injuriously affected, he shall inform the attorney general thereof and require him to make every legal and equitable defense against such action or proceeding; and in any such case, or in any action prosecuted or defended in behalf of the state, *he and the attorney general* may, if the public interests require it, and * * * *they shall deem it to be necessary*, employ * * * *special counsel* * * * to assist the attorney general in any such action or proceeding; *provided, that when any such special counsel shall be employed, a contract in writing shall be entered into between the state and such counsel, in which shall be fixed the compensation to be paid to such special counsel by the state, which contract shall be executed in behalf of the state by the governor and the attorney general and be filed in the office of the secretary of state.* In case * * * the attorney general shall be in any way interested adversely to the state in any action or proceeding, the governor may employ *special counsel* to act in his stead, the compensation for such counsel to be fixed *by contract*, by the governor, *in behalf of the state, in the manner aforesaid*, and paid out of the state treasury.

(Ch. 500, 1907.)

Authority of Secretary of State regarding General fund: [Section 144.] (Sec. 2, Ch. 428, 1907.)

Signing of warrants by agent of secretary of state. SECTION 146. The secretary of state shall draw his warrant on the state treasurer payable to the claimant for the amount allowed by him upon every claim or account audited as aforesaid, specifying from what fund to be paid and the particular act or part of act which authorizes the same to be paid out of the state treasury; and he shall not credit the treasurer for any sum of money paid out by him otherwise than upon such warrants. *Whenever for any reason it shall be impracticable for the secretary of state to sign his name personally to the warrants issued on the state treasury he may in his discretion designate*

some one in his department to sign his name to said warrants and the state treasurer shall honor said signature the same as though signed in person by the secretary of state. Provided however, there shall be first filed in the office of the state treasurer a written authority and reasons therefor and said statement shall be a sufficient authority for said action until it shall be revoked in writing.

(Ch. 139, 1907.)

General fund; unnecessary depletion. SECTION 146m. Whenever an appropriation shall have been made from the general fund in the state treasury to any other fund therein, the secretary of state in his discretion may withhold the transfer of such appropriation or any part thereof from the general fund until the same is required to pay claims duly audited.

(Ch. 616, 1907.)

State treasurer: securities held in trust; mail service and endorsements; fees. SECTION 157—9m. Whenever any company, corporation, society, order or association shall have securities on deposit with the state treasurer, in trust, it may request the state treasurer to mail to its address from time to time as the same shall become due, any or all interest coupons, and to return to any such company, corporation, society, order or association any or all bonds, notes or other deposits as they become due and are replaced by other securities. It may further request the state treasurer to make any endorsements of interest or otherwise on any such securities on deposit in his office. The state treasurer shall comply with such requests on payment to him by the company, corporation, society, order or association making the request, of a fee of twenty-five cents for a single coupon cut, or for each entry of interest endorsed on a note or return of a bond, note or other security, and a fee of ten cents for each additional coupon cut, or entry of interest endorsed on a note, bond or other security. Such fees shall be paid into the state treasury as a part of the general fund, and no extra charge shall be required for postage or registered mail.

(Ch. 482, 1907.)

Forest reserve fund: interest. SECTION 160f. Every state depository shall, on the first day of each month, and oftener when required, file with the secretary of state a sworn statement of the amount of public moneys deposited with it, and shall