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**CHAPTER 407.**

AN ACT to create sections 237h to 237n, inclusive, statutes of 1898, relating to a state board of immigration, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

SECTION 1. There are added to the statutes of 1898, seven new sections to read:

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

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No. 234, A.]

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**CHAPTER 408.**

AN ACT to amend section 1459, of the statutes, as amended, relating to the state horticultural society and increasing the appropriation therefor.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1459 of the statutes, as amended by chapter 320, laws of 1901, chapter 259, laws of 1903, and chapter 412, laws of 1905, is amended to read:

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

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of the purchase money required by the terms of sale to be paid in hand immediately after having bid off the same; and if he shall refuse or neglect to so pay the lot or tract so bid off by him shall again be offered for sale; and the purchaser shall, for such refusal or neglect to pay, forfeit twenty-five dollars for each lot or tract so bid off by him, which the commissioners shall, in the name of the state, cause to be immediately sued for and collected, and when collected paid into the school fund.

No more than one hundred and sixty acres shall be sold to any one person. Every person having bid in any such lands at a public sale or making application for the purchase thereof at private sale shall, before such sale is made, make and file with the commissioners of public lands, or their agent making such sale, the following affidavit:

State of Wisconsin, \_\_\_\_\_ County,—ss.

.....being duly sworn, on oath says that he is a resident of the county of ..... and state of .....; that he is desirous of purchasing ..... (description of lands) ..... situated in the county of ..... and state of Wisconsin; that the public lands of this state, sold by it since the fifteenth day of October, A. D. 1903, now owned by the affiant, together with the lands hereinbefore described, do not exceed one hundred and sixty acres; that he has no agreement or understanding and is under no contract, express or implied with any person, copartnership or corporation, for any sale, transfer or conveyance of said lands, now or at any future time, bona fide mortgages for raising some part of the purchase price excepted; and that he has not been engaged or instrumental, directly or indirectly, in inducing any person or persons to remain away from or to refrain from bidding at the last public sale at which said lands have been or are being offered.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of ..... A. D. 19....

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(Ch. 143, 1907.)

**Immigration board: membership.** SECTION 237h. The secretary of state, the commissioner of labor and industrial statistics, and the chief clerk of the state land office shall constitute a state board of immigration to serve without com-

penation. The secretary of state shall be ex officio chairman of said board. In the event of a vacancy in said board the remaining two members shall constitute the board.

(Ch. 407, 1907.)

**Commissioner: tenure, salary, office, oath, stenographer.** SECTION 237i. The said board of immigration shall appoint a qualified elector of this state to be secretary of said board and such secretary shall be officially known and styled commissioner of immigration. The said commissioner of immigration shall hold office during the pleasure of said board and shall receive a salary of eighteen hundred dollars per annum, and shall perform such functions as said board shall designate. The said commissioner of immigration shall be provided with an office and suitable furniture and stationery at the expense of the state. Before entering upon the duties of his office the said commissioner shall make and subscribe an oath of office in the usual form. The said board of immigration shall secure the services of not to exceed one stenographer for the use of said commissioner, the compensation for said stenographic work to be fixed and determined by said board.

(Ch. 407, 1907.)

**Immigrants and capital; advertisement of Wisconsin advantages.** SECTION 237j. It shall be the duty of the state board of immigration to cause to be collected and printed in such form as may be best calculated to attract to the state desirable immigrants seeking homes and capital seeking profitable investment information relating to the advantages and opportunities offered by this state to the farmer, the merchant, the manufacturer, the home-seeker, and summer visitor. The publications of said board shall be made in the form of circulars, folders, and pamphlets with or without maps or illustrations and shall contain in succinct language easily comprehended by the general public statements relating to the soil, climate, water, products, markets, transportation facilities, summer resorts, location of undeveloped lands and the relative value and cost of these lands compared with those of other localities. The board may in its discretion determine whether one or more or all such subjects shall be included in each of the circulars, folders and pamphlets printed by authority of this act. The board may in its discretion cause to be translated and printed in such foreign language or languages as may be

selected any or all of the circulars, folders and pamphlets provided for in this section.

(Ch. 407, 1907.)

**Distribution of bulletins.** SECTION 237k. It shall be the duty of the state board of immigration to furnish such number as it shall fix of copies of the several publications printed under its direction to county and city advancement associations, immigration societies or bodies of citizens organized, to promote immigration and the development and enrichment of the state when application is made therefor. The board shall also furnish other persons and corporations such number of copies of such publications as may be requested at the actual cost of printing.

(Ch. 407, 1907.)

**Officers to furnish statistics.** SECTION 237l. In order to facilitate the collection of accurate information relating to the resources of the state the heads of the several departments of the state government, the faculty of the state university and the several state institutions are hereby directed to furnish to the state board of immigration such information as may be at their command when requested by the board so to do.

(Ch. 407, 1907.)

**Biennial reports.** SECTION 237m. The said board shall report to each session of the state legislature all its transactions during the biennial period next preceding the first day of such session.

(Ch. 407, 1907.)

**Appropriation.** SECTION 237n. There is hereby appropriated out of the general fund an amount of money not exceeding seven thousand dollars per annum to pay the expenses hereinbefore provided for.

(Ch. 407, 1907.)

**Swamp lands: supervisors of portion of a town may lease.** SECTION 257. The town board of supervisors in any town or portion of a town south of town 34 may lease, for the purpose of cutting grass or picking cranberries therefrom, for the term of one year but subject to termination on sale thereof,