

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

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CHAPTER 511.

AN ACT to create section 1494t—3n of the statutes, relating to homesteads acquired by the state park board.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes a new section to read: Section 1494t—3n. Whenever the state park board shall, under the provisions of section 1494t—3m, acquire any lands which have been occupied as a homestead by the owners thereof for twenty-five years or more, said board shall, if requested by such persons, enter into a contract and make arrangements with such persons whereby they shall be permitted to remain for a term not exceeding the natural life of such owner or owners upon the portion of such lands, not to exceed one acre in extent, upon which the homestead buildings are located, and such persons shall be allowed to fence such portion of land, shall be afforded access to highways, and shall be allowed to use such portion of land and the buildings thereon as a home only, subject only to the rules of the said board relating to the sale of intoxicants, to sanitation, and to the preservation of the park.

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

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CHAPTER 512.

AN ACT to provide for the powers and authority in the discharge of the duties of the committee of the legislature appointed to investigate the subject of the insurance of property against fire and other risks, and making an appropriation therefor.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The committee of the legislature appointed under the provisions of a joint resolution to investigate the subject of insurance of property against fire and other risks, is hereby authorized and empowered to do all things and perform all acts necessary and convenient to carry out the provisions of the reso-

lution and this act, and such authorization and power shall continue after the adjournment of this legislature. The committee so appointed is hereby authorized thoroughly to investigate the subject of insurance of property against fire and other risks, and report a bill or bills covering that subject.

SECTION 2. The committee by a majority vote of the members thereof, is hereby vested with plenary powers to perform and discharge the duties by the said resolution and by this act enjoined. Any member of said committee shall have power to administer oaths to persons appearing before such committee.

SECTION 3. The committee shall have power to employ such stenographers, clerks, assistants and experts as it may deem necessary and expedient for the proper discharge of the duties hereby assigned to it, and to fix the compensation of such persons as it shall employ.

SECTION 4. The committee is authorized to print and send to each member of the legislature at least sixty days before the convening of the session of the legislature referred to in said resolution, a copy of the proposed bill or bills framed, put together with a copy of the finding and recommendations of such committee.

SECTION 5. The committee is authorized to hold such meetings at such places and at such dates as it shall deem most expedient.

SECTION 6. Each member of said committee shall be reimbursed by the state for his actual necessary expenses, but shall receive no compensation for time devoted to the work of such committee.

SECTION 7. The committee may by subpoena, issued over the signature of the chairman or acting chairman of said committee and served in the manner in which circuit court subpoenas are served, summon and compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of all books, papers, documents and records necessary or convenient to be examined or used by it in the course of the discharge of its duties.

SECTION 8. If any witness subpoenaed to appear before said committee shall refuse to appear or to answer inquiries propounded, or shall fail or refuse to produce books, documents, papers and records, within his possession or control when the same are demanded by said committee, such committee shall report the facts to the circuit court of the county in which such examination is being conducted, and it shall be the duty of such court to compel obedience to such subpoena by attachment proceedings for contempt, as in case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from such court, or a refusal to testify therein.

SECTION 9. A sum of money sufficient to carry out the provisions of this act and of the said resolution is hereby appropriated, not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of twenty thousand dollars, out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated. All bills for the expenses of such committee, including witnesses' fees, the compensation of stenographers, clerks, assistants and experts employed by such committee, shall be approved by the committee, certified by the chairman thereof and audited by the governor and by the secretary of state, who shall issue his warrant therefor upon the state treasurer.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 513.

AN ACT to create sections 39i to 39l, inclusive, of the statutes, relating to the initiative and referendum on acts of municipal councils and of boards of county supervisors.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There are added to the statutes four new sections to read: Section 39i. 1. Any proposed ordinance may be submitted to the council of any city, except in such cities as are organized under sections 925m—301 to 925m—317, inclusive, of the statutes, or to the county board of any county by petition signed by electors of such city or county, equal in number to the percentage hereinafter required.

2. Any proposed ordinance accompanied by a petition signed by electors equal in number to not less than twenty-five per cent of all the votes cast for governor in such city or county at the last general election, and containing a request that the said ordinance be submitted to a vote of the people if not passed by the city council or county board, shall be either (a) passed without alteration by the city council or county board within thirty days after attachment of the clerk's certificate to the accompanying petition; or (b) shall be referred without alteration by the city council or county board to a vote of the electors of said city or county at the next regular election, if the same shall be held within ninety days of the date of the clerk's certificate, or at a special election, if no regular election shall be held within ninety days, but not more than one such special election shall be called in any period of six months.