

and permanent improvements at the branch experiment stations mentioned in subsection 41 of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect as of July 1, 1915.

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CHAPTER 578.

AN ACT to amend section 172—126 of the statutes, making an appropriation for the Wisconsin potato growers' association.

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

SECTION 1. Section 172—126 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 172—126. There is annually appropriated, beginning July 1, * * * 1915, * * * two thousand dollars, payable from any moneys in the general fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Wisconsin potato growers' association for the promotion of the potato growing interest of the state. Any moneys paid into the state treasury by said association are appropriated for the said association for the above mentioned purpose. No part of the moneys annually appropriated for said association shall be paid out of the state treasury until necessary to pay actual claims duly audited by the secretary of state.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect as of July 1, 1915.

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CHAPTER 579.

AN ACT to repeal sections 1596—78 and 1596—79; to create section 1596—27; to amend and renumber section 172—17 and to create subsections 2 and 3 of section 172—17 and to amend section 1596—19 of the statutes, making appropriations for the railroad commission and relating to the inspection, supervision and control of the construction and maintenance of dams in navigable waters by said commission.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 1596—78 and 1596—79 of the statutes are repealed.

SECTION 2. Section 172—17 is amended and renumbered to read: Section 172—17. 1. There is annually appropriated, beginning July 1, * * * 1915, one hundred * * *

seventy thousand dollars, payable from any moneys in the general fund not otherwise appropriated, for the railroad commission to carry into effect the powers, duties and functions provided by law for said commission.

SECTION 3. There are added to the statutes one new section and two new subsections to be numbered and to read: Section 1596—27. The railroad commission is authorized to employ and fix the salaries of a competent hydraulic engineer and other assistants necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 1596—1 to 1596—26, inclusive, of the statutes.

(Section 172—17.) 2. There is annually appropriated beginning July 1, 1915, not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars, payable from any moneys in the general fund not otherwise appropriated, for the railroad commission to carry into effect the powers, duties and functions provided in sections 1596—1 to 1596—27, inclusive, of the statutes.

3. Inspection and supervision fees received by the railroad commission under the provisions of section 1596—19 and paid into the state treasury are appropriated to the railroad commission for the purposes set out in said section.

SECTION 4. Section 1596—19 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 1596—19. The owner of a dam, excepting when such owner is a municipality, heretofore or hereafter constructed in or across navigable waters, for the purpose of defraying the actual expenses of the commission incurred in inspecting and supervising the construction or maintenance, or both, of such dam and equipment, shall annually, on or before the first day of February, pay to the commission an inspection fee of not to exceed ten cents per theoretical horse power capacity of such dam at ordinary stage of water. The amount of such fee to be paid by the owner of each dam, within the restrictions above mentioned, shall be determined annually by the commission and notice of the amount due shall be forwarded by mail to each such owner or the agent thereof not later than December first of each year. Inspection fees received by the commission shall be paid into the state treasury. * * *

SECTION 5. Any balance of the appropriation heretofore provided in section 172—17 which remains unexpended at the close of business on June 30, 1915, shall revert to the general fund.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved August 18, 1915.