

Chap. 57.

Published, March 11, 1857.

AN ACT concerning pre-emptors of Swamp and Overflowed Lands of this State.

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

§ 1. Any resident of the State of Wisconsin who at the date of the passage of this act resides upon, or is in the actual occupancy of any of the swamp and overflowed lands in this State, and has improvements thereon to the value of ten dollars per forty acres, and used for agricultural purposes, shall have the right to purchase said lands at the minimum price of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, whenever the same shall be offered for sale, upon the terms and conditions prescribed in chapter 84 of the session laws of 1855, and the provisions of this act shall extend to all islands in the Mississippi and Wisconsin Rivers, and all other lands which now belong to this State under the act of Congress of 28th of September, A. D. 1850, entitled "an act to enable the State of Arkansas and other States to reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands within their limits," or an act conferring the title of this State to said lands, whether said lands have been surveyed or patented or not; and the time for filing the certificate with the Register of Deeds, as described in section 11, chapter 84, of the General Laws of 1856, hereby extended to the first day of July A. D. 1857, as to those lands surveyed and patented before that time, and all lands not surveyed and patented before that date, the times for filing said certificate is extended to ninety days from the time of the return to the office of said Register of Deeds, of the descriptive lists of said lands by the Governor, as required by section 1, of chapter 84, of Session Laws of 1855; and it is hereby made the duty of the Governor to forward to the Register of Deeds of the respective counties, complete descriptive lists of all lands which may hereafter be patented to this State, in pursuance or in confirmation of said act, as soon as practicable after the patents are received.

§ 2. Section 13, of chapter 84, of General Laws of 1855, is hereby revived and extended to all cases con-

Rights of occupants.

Scope of the act.

Governor to forward descriptive lists.

Statute revived.

templated by this act; and any claimant of unsurveyed or unpatented lands, may describe the same by metes and bounds, carefully defined, and in addition to the certificate referred to in section one of this act, parol evidence shall be received that said lands are swamp or overflowed lands.

Price of land.

§ 3. Section 6 of chapter 125, of General Laws of 1856, is hereby amended by striking out the words "five dollars per acre" in the second line, and inserting in lieu thereof, the words "one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre."

§ 4. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the sale of any of the aforesaid lands at public sale, where the right of pre-emption has not been proved up, ten days previous to any such sale.

§ 5. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved, March 5, 1857.

Chap. 58.

Published May 11, 1857.

AN ACT to extend the time for the payment of principal and interest due the school fund of this State.

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

Time extended.

Proviso.

§ 1. The time is hereby extended to the ninth day of the present month, for the payment of principal and interest due the school fund of this State: *Provided*, This extension of the time shall apply to the present year only; and the State Treasurer shall in making his statement of moneys to be apportioned by the State Superintendent of Schools, include all income received of school moneys up to and including the said ninth of March.

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

Approved March 5, 1857.