

not including bank stock, of the persons against whom said tax is levied, in the same manner that he is now required by law to collect other taxes, and shall make a return under oath of such taxes as he is unable to collect to the state treasurer, in the same manner as he is now required by law to return other delinquent taxes to the county treasurer.

Sale of stock.

SECTION 4. The state treasurer shall proceed to sell in the manner provided by chapter 400 of the general laws of 1865, the shares of stock of such persons as have not paid the tax returned delinquent by the town, city or village collector.

Attorney general and district attorneys to defend actions.

SECTION 5. It shall be the duty of the attorney general and of the district attorney of the several counties in this state, to defend any actions which may be brought against any collector of taxes, for levying upon and selling such personal property of shareholders of said banks as is necessary to collect the tax on their shares, and also any actions which may be brought against the state treasurer for selling the shares of such shareholders, or for carrying out any of the provisions of this law, or of chapter 400 of the general laws of 1865.

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CHAPTER 126.

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AN ACT authorizing the establishment of a board of immigration.

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

Board of immigration.

SECTION 1. There shall be a board of immigration in this state, which shall be composed of five (5) members.

Members.

SECTION 2. The governor and secretary of state shall be, *ex officio*, members of this board, and the other three members shall be appointed by the governor, but not more than one shall be appointed from the same county.

SECTION 3. The governor shall have authority to appoint in each county a committee consisting of three members, to assist the board immigration in the performance of their duties.

County committees.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of this board to enhance and encourage immigration to this state from the older states of the union, and from Europe.

To encourage immigration.

SECTION 5. This board shall have authority to provide for the collection of statistics and useful information concerning the climate, products, population and resources of this state, together with a statement of the best routes to this state from the large cities of Europe, and for printing the same in pamphlet form in the English, Welsh, German and Scandinavian languages, in such numbers as may to the board seem expedient.

Collection and publication of statistics.

SECTION 6. It shall be the duty of the county committee to make out duplicate lists of the names and postoffice addresses of such friends and relatives of the inhabitants of their respective localities as are living in the eastern states and in Europe, and to retain one list and send the other list to the secretary of the board of immigration.

Postoffice address of friends, &c.

SECTION 7. The secretary of the board shall forward to the county committees a sufficient amount of pamphlets to supply all the persons named in the foregoing lists, with postage sufficient to carry them to their final destination, and the county committees shall forward the pamphlets by mail to the persons named in their lists.

Distribution of pamphlets.

SECTION 8. The county committees shall act under the instruction of the board, and shall from time to time make reports to the secretary of the board.

Reports to board.

SECTION 9. The board shall make reports to the legislature at their annual sessions.

Reports to legislature.

SECTION 10. Neither the officers of the board nor the county committees named in this act, shall receive any compensation for their services.

No compensation.

SECTION 11. There shall be annually appropriated out of the general fund not otherwise appropriated, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000,) to be drawn upon the order of the governor, and to be applied exclusively to defray the expenses incurred under this act for composing and printing circulars, for advertising, for postage, and for forwarding printed matter.

Appropriation for printing, &c.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 127.

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AN ACT to collect and provide for the expenditure of highway taxes in certain cases.

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

Towns may vote to collect highway taxes in money.

SECTION 1. Any town at any annual town meeting may vote upon the question of collecting the highway taxes in such town in money, and in case such town shall by a majority vote decide to collect such taxes in money, the said taxes shall be levied and collected and paid into the treasury at the same time and in the same manner as other town taxes.

By whom and how expended.

SECTION 2. Such town may direct the manner of the expenditure of such taxes upon the highways and bridges in said town, under the direction of the board of supervisors, or by three highway commissioners to be elected for that purpose, whose duty it shall be to expend the avails of such taxes on the highways and bridges in such town, by the employment of labor under their direction; or said supervisors or commissioners may, if so instructed by the town at any annual town meeting, let by special contract any or all the highways and bridges in such town to the lowest bidder, or otherwise, as they may deem for the interest of the town, to be kept in repair for a term not exceeding five years.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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