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CHAPTER 119.

AN ACT to amend chapter one hundred and fifty-eight of the laws of 1880, entitled an act to amend section one thousand three hundred and ninety of chapter fifty-five of the revised statutes of 1878, by adding the words "wire" and "barbed wire" after the word "boards," in the second line of said section, "relating to fences."

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

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter one hundred and fifty-eight of the laws of 1880, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 1. All fences not less than fifty-four inches high, consisting of boards firmly fastened to posts well set, not more than nine feet apart, the space between the ground and bottom board and each space between the boards not more than eight inches; and all fences consisting of five barbed wires with at least forty barbs to the rod, firmly fastened to posts well set, not more than sixteen feet apart, with one good stay between the top wire not less than forty-eight inches high at the place of attachment, and the bottom wire not more than seven inches from the ground, and the space between the bottom and second wires not more than seven inches, and the space between the second and third wires, not more than eight inches, and the space between the third and fourth wires, not more than twelve inches, and the space between the fourth and top wires, not more than sixteen inches; the above mentioned spaces to be measured at the places of attachment; and all fences consisting of rails, timbers, wires, barbed wires, boards or stone walls, or any combination thereof, and all brooks, rivers, ponds, creeks, ditches or hedges or other things, which shall be considered equivalent to the board or barbed wire fence herein provided for, in the judgment of the fence viewers within whose jurisdiction the same may be, shall be deemed legal and sufficient fences. Fences on marsh lands may be made by a ditch, or by a fence combined with ditch or ditches, not exceeding twelve feet in width, equal amounts of material being taken from, or equal space occupied on each side of, the division line.

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

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