

[No. 19, S.]

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CHAPTER 332.

AN ACT to fix the minimum price of all public lands which have not been offered for sale at public sale at the sum of three dollars (\$3) per acre, and to allow actual settlers to enter for agricultural purposes, not exceeding two hundred acres, at one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per acre.

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

Price of public lands fixed.

SECTION 1. The minimum price of all public lands which have not once been offered by the state at public sale, is hereby fixed at the sum of three dollars (\$3) per acre, and when offered for sale, if that or some higher sum is not bid therefor, the same shall be set down as unsold. The commissioners of public lands shall give notice of sale in accordance with the provisions of section 207 of the revised statutes, relating to the sale of public lands.

Shall have the right to purchase.

SECTION 2. Any person who had purchased or entered from the United States any of the lands patented to the state as swamp and overflowed lands, or lands patented in lieu of swamp and overflowed lands prior to such patent being executed to the state, and such entries have been canceled by the United States on account of conflict with the right and title of the state to such lands, shall have the right to purchase from the state prior to the date fixed for the public sale thereof, such lands so purchased or entered from the United States, upon making satisfactory proof to the commissioners of public lands of this state that such persons so applying are the identical persons, or the heirs, legal representatives or assigns of such persons who purchased or entered such lands aforesaid, and upon paying to the state for such lands the same price at which such purchase or entries were made from the United States; provided that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to impair the rights acquired by any pre-emptor of such swamp and overflowed lands as provided in sections 198, 199 and 200, of chapter 15, of the revised statutes.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the foregoing sections in this act, it shall be lawful for actual settlers, who desire the said lands or any land now owned by the state of Wisconsin, for farming and agricultural purposes, to enter said lands, not exceeding five contiguous legal sub-divisions and not

exceeding two hundred acres to any one person; at the minimum price of one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per acre, under such rules, requirements, restrictions, conditions and provisions as the commissioners of public lands may fix and establish; such rules, requirements, restrictions, conditions and provisions to be submitted to, and sanctioned by the governor of the state.

SECTION 4. All acts and parts of acts conflicting with this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 3, 1883.

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CHAPTER 333.

AN ACT relating to municipal subscription to railroad stock, and amendatory of section 946 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes.

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

SECTION 1. Section 946 of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by striking out the word "five," in the eighth line of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof, the words "thirty, nor more than sixty," so as to make said section, when so amended, read as follows: Section 946. The proposition provided for in the last preceding section may be accepted, so as to become mutually obligatory, in either of two modes, as follows:

1st. Within three months after the filing of any such proposition with the proper clerk, the railroad company, may, by a written request, require notice to be given by such clerk, in the same manner hereinafter provided for giving notice of an election to consider such a proposition, that after a date in such notice named, not less than thirty, nor more than sixty days from date of notice, a petition to the proper authorities, of such municipality, praying that such proposition may be accepted and carried into effect, will be presented for their signatures to the resident tax-payers thereof, which petition, embracing a copy of such proposition, shall be appended as a part of such notice. If thereafter, and within four months from the filing of such proposition, with such clerk, the railroad company shall deliver to such clerk such

Relating to municipal subscriptions to railroad stock.

Notice required by such clerk.