

he has signed the process or records as justice of the peace, instead of police justice, are hereby legalized and declared lawful.

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

Approved April 2, 1897.

No. 175, S.]

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CHAPTER 178.

AN ACT to provide for acquiring additional land for a rifle range and for other purposes, and to make an appropriation therefor.

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

Additional lands for rifle range may be purchased.

SECTION 1. The governor is hereby authorized to purchase for the state from time to time, lands for addition to the present state property known as the Wisconsin military reservation, provided that the total sum to be paid for such lands hereafter purchased shall not exceed one thousand dollars.

Lands may be acquired according to provisions of sections 605, 606 and 607, revised statutes, if owner refuses to sell.

SECTION 2. Whenever the governor shall deem it advisable to purchase additional lands under this act, and he shall be unable to agree with the owner upon the amount of compensation to be paid therefor, or when, by reason of the legal incapacity or absence of any such owner, or other sufficient cause, no such agreement or purchase can be made without delay, the judge of the circuit court of the county in which such lands, or any part thereof, are situated, may, upon application in writing of the governor, containing a description of the lands

so required, appoint three disinterested persons, residents of such county, commissioners to appraise such lands, and thereafter the proceedings to acquire such lands shall be taken in the manner provided in sections 605, 606 and 607, of the revised statutes, for the acquiring of lands for state purposes.

SECTION 3. There is hereby appropriated out of the general fund a sum sufficient to accomplish the purposes aforesaid, the same to be expended under the direction and approval of the governor. Appropriation.

SECTION 4. This act shall be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 179.

AN ACT to amend chapter 341, of the laws of 1889, and relating to elections in villages.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 341, of the laws of 1889, is hereby amended by adding at the end of section 5, of said chapter, the following: Provided further, that if, after any village shall have become a separate and independent municipality, under the provisions of this chapter, there shall not remain time before the next ensuing judicial or general election to comply with the provisions of subdivision 2, of section 3, or with the provisions of subdivision 1, of section 37, of chapter 288, of the laws of 1893, or with the

Relating to holding elections in villages separate from the towns.