

to compel obedience to such subpoena by attachment proceedings for contempt, as in case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from such court, or a refusal to testify therein.

Appropriation. SECTION 3. A sum of money sufficient to carry out the provisions of this act is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated. All bills for expenses of the committee, including witness fees and compensation for counsel, clerks, stenographers, and assistants, shall be approved by the committee, certified by the chairman thereof, and audited by the governor and by the secretary of state, who shall issue his warrant therefor upon the state treasurer.

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

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CHAPTER 10.

AN ACT to amend chapter 328 of the laws of 1905, entitled, An act to provide a remedy for an accounting and discovery of all license fees due the state from railroad companies, and the enforcement of the collection thereof.

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

Actions to be commenced in Dane county; no change of venue. SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 328 of the laws of 1905 is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 1. The attorney general is hereby authorized and directed to commence civil actions in the circuit court, for Dane county in the name of the state for the recovery of unpaid license fees against every railroad company or person now or heretofore or hereafter operating a railway or railroad in this state, which has failed or neglected to pay the state all license fees

required of it to be paid by the provisions of any law of this state now in force, or which has heretofore been in force or shall hereafter be in force. No change of venue shall be taken in any such action to any other county, but if an affidavit of prejudice be made and filed, or if the judge of said court be for any other reason disqualified to hear, try and determine such action, he shall call in a circuit judge from some other judicial circuit of this state, who shall hear, try and determine such action.

License fees, when shall draw interest. SECTION 2. Amend section 6 by adding at the end thereof the following: "The provisions of this act as amended shall apply to cases now pending under chapter 328 of said laws of 1905, as well as cases hereinafter commenced. All license fees shall draw interest at the legal rate from the date they became due and payable and all such license fees remaining unpaid at the expiration of thirty days from and after the publication of this act shall draw interest at the rate of fifteen per centum per annum."

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

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CHAPTER 11.

AN ACT to restrain railroad companies from commencing a suit against the state until all taxes levied and assessed against them are paid in full, and to provide for the recovery by railroad companies of any illegal or excessive tax paid to the state.

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

Action to test validity of tax. SECTION 1. No railroad company as defined in chapter 315, laws of 1903, shall hereafter have any right of action or remedy against the state or