

dollars for the killing of said_____mentioned in said oath.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at_____, this_____day of_____, 19_____

_____County Clerk.

On receipt of such oath and certificate by the secretary of state, he shall audit such claim and issue his warrant for its payment.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 503

No. 327, A.]

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AN ACT to amend subsection 1, the first paragraph and paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) and subdivisions (b) and (d) of subsection 9, subsection 11, subdivisions (b), (c) and (e) of subsection 15, and subsection 17 of section 697—60 of the statutes, relating to bonds for reclamation of cut over lands.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Subsection 1, the first paragraph and paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) and subdivisions (b) and (d) of subsection 9, subsection 11, subdivisions (b), (c) and (e) of subsection 15 and subsection 17 of section 697—60 of the statutes are amended to read: (Section 697—60) 1. For the purpose of promoting the public welfare by the proper development of natural resources, the county board of any county may issue special improvement bonds in the manner prescribed in this section subject to the restriction on county indebtedness imposed by section 3, article XI of the constitution, and may loan the proceeds on the security of agricultural land to * * * *owners of land* within the county to assist them in reclaiming land within the county for agricultural use by draining said land where necessary and by removing from it such stumps, brush, fallen or standing timber or stones as prevent an efficient use of the land for agricultural purposes *and plowing the land.*

(Section 697—60. 9) (a) (First paragraph) * * * *Fifteen* or more persons who are * * * freeholders in the county may, upon the payment to the county treasurer of a fee of one dollar each, file with the county clerk petitions addressed to the county board requesting aid in obtaining funds

to reclaim land by draining it where necessary and by removing from it such stumps, brush, fallen or standing timber or stones as prevent an efficient use of the land for agricultural purposes and plowing said land each setting forth in an individual petition under oath:

(1) A statement that he is the owner of wild or partially improved land within the county *and that he occupies said land, or is prepared to occupy same within one year;* * * *

(Section 697—60. 9) (b) Upon the receipt of such * * * *fifteen* petitions the county board may direct the reclamation board to visit the petitioners and the lands described in the petitions or to make such other investigations as the county board may deem necessary, and to report upon the correctness of the statements made in the petitions, the practicability, desirability and probable cost of reclaiming the several pieces of land as requested in the petition and upon such other pertinent matters as the county board may designate.

(d) The county board may at any time during the life of a bond issue made under the preceding provisions of this subsection issue additional bonds in the same manner for the purpose of securing funds to loan to individual petitioners who are of less number than * * * *fifteen* and who may be either resident or nonresident freeholders within the county but who otherwise comply with the preceding provisions of this subsection.

(Section 697—60) 11. All bonds issued under the authority of this section shall constitute a general county liability and shall be nontaxable, semiannual interest payment, coupon bonds, executed in behalf of the county by the chairman of the county board and countersigned by the county clerk, payable principal and interest at the county treasurer's office at such time as the chairman of the county board and the county clerk together shall determine but within a period of not less than five years nor more than twenty years from the date of issue. All bonds issued under the authority of this section shall before being offered for sale be submitted to the attorney-general together with a transcript of all proceedings held before, or by order of, the county board with reference to the reclamation work contemplated and the bond issue proposed, and no such bonds shall be valid unless approved by the attorney-general and officially indorsed by him on the back of each bond. It shall be the duty of the attorney-general to examine all transcripts of proceed-

ings and all bond issues presented to him as hereinbefore prescribed as soon as possible after their receipt and to (1) officially indorse the bonds, if in his judgment, the provisions of this section have been complied with in the issue of the bonds, or (2) refuse to indorse the bonds, if, in his judgment, the provisions of this section have not been complied with in the issue of the bonds, in which case he shall forward to the county clerk a statement giving his reasons for his refusal. The bonds when offered by the attorney-general shall be offered for sale by public advertisement and shall be sold to the person or persons offering to furnish the money desired at the most favorable rate of interest.

(Section 697—60. 15) (b) No loan shall be granted of an amount exceeding fifty per cent of the market value of the land offered as security, including the value of the buildings on the said land when reclaimed under the provisions of this section, nor of an amount exceeding the sum fixed by the reclamation board as necessary to reclaim the land actually to be reclaimed by aid of the loan and no loan shall in any case exceed the sum of * * * *forty* dollars for each acre of land actually to be reclaimed.

(c) No loan of less than one hundred or more than * * * *three* thousand dollars shall be granted to any one person and no person shall be granted separate loans aggregating more than * * * *three* thousand dollars.

(e) All loans shall be made for a term of twenty years, but any borrower may repay his loan in whole or in part at any time within said term, and any borrower may, with the consent of the county clerk and the chairman of the county board, repay his loan upon an amortization plan within a term of twenty years or less, and in all cases in which partial payments have been made interest shall be charged only upon the unpaid balance of the loan.

(Section 697—60) 17. The reclamation board may let contracts to responsible contractors for the reclamation of the land to be reclaimed *and when convenient plowed* by aid of the loans granted under this section or said board may allow the persons granted loans to (a) reclaim *and plow* the land themselves with or without hired help or (b) hire it reclaimed by another person under a contract approved by the said board. When the reclamation board lets a contract under this section it shall require the contractor to file with the county clerk a

bond in a penal sum equal to the price agreed upon to be paid for the work of reclamation to be performed under the contract and signed by two sureties, residents of the state of Wisconsin, each justifying in the full amount of the bond and approved by the board, or signed by a surety company approved by the board. Said bond shall run to the county and shall be conditioned for the faithful execution and observance of the terms and conditions of the contract.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 504

AN ACT to amend subsection 3 of section 1492b; to create paragraph 8 of subsection 10 and subsection 11m of section 1492b; and to repeal and reenact subsection 2 of section 20.60; and to repeal subsection 13 of section 1492b of the statutes, all relating to the slaughtering of diseased animals and the payment of indemnities therefor, and making an appropriation.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 3 of section 1492b of the statutes is amended to read: (Section 1492b) 3. In making the appraisal of diseased animals the appraisers shall determine their value in the condition in which they are found at the time of the appraisal; but the appraised value of no single animal shall exceed the actual market value thereof at the time of such appraisal; and in no case shall it exceed * * * *two hundred dollars*. The appraisers shall immediately make a verified report to the justices of the peace, giving the number of animals appraised, and the amount each animal was valued at.

SECTION 2. A new paragraph is added to subsection 10 of section 1492b, to be numbered and to read: (Section 1492b) (10) (a) Where the owner of reacting cattle, or the owner or owners from whom such cattle have, within ninety days, been bought, has not tested his entire herd within two years: unless the owner or owners of the herd from whom the cattle were bought shall agree to test the entire herd, in which case the claim shall be held up until such entire herd has been tested.

SECTION 3. A new subsection is added to section 1492b of the statutes, to be numbered and to read: (Section 1492b)