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CHAPTER 543

AN ACT to create 24.41 of the statutes, relating to authority of the commissioners of public lands, with the approval of the governor, to compromise and settle certain claims of the state against the federal government.

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

24.41 of the statutes is created to read:

24.41 AUTHORITY TO SETTLE CERTAIN STATE CLAIMS. (1) The commissioners of public lands, with the approval of the governor, are hereby authorized and empowered to compromise and settle the claims asserted by the state of Wisconsin against the United States of America, in the case of Mole Lake Band, et al. v. The United States of America, being case number 45162 (I), now pending in the United States court of claims, for whatever sum of money or other consideration in law as will, in their judgment, fairly compensate the state for its claims to proceeds of sale of timber cut from the lands involved in said action, for interest thereon, and for the value of said lands. The claims contemplated by this section include all claims at law or in equity which have heretofore accrued or which may hereafter accrue in favor of the state and against the United States

of America under or by reason of the so-called "Swamp Lands Act of September 28, 1850," 9 Stat. 519, and acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, as applied to any and all such lands located within the exterior boundaries of the Bad River, Lac du Flambeau and Lac Courte Oreilles Indian reservations.

(2) The commissioners of public lands are authorized and empowered to execute releases, quitclaim deeds, or any other papers or documents necessary or incidental to the settlement or compromise of said claims. The net proceeds of any such settlement or compromise shall be paid into the normal school fund and administered as prescribed by law. Any settlement or compromise made pursuant to this section shall not be subject to the restrictions and procedure otherwise provided by law for the sale of public lands.

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