

Chap 129 An Act to provide for the election of State Prison Commissioners, and to amend chapter 287 of the session laws of 1851.

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

Commissioners how to be elected. SECTION 1. There shall be elected at the present session of the legislature, on joint ballot of the two houses, three commissioners, who shall be known and styled state prison commissioners, one of whom shall hold his office for one year only, and one for two years only, and one for three years; and the commissioners so elected shall meet at the office of the secretary of state, on the first Monday next succeeding their election, at two o'clock, P. M., and determine by lot, their respective terms of office.

Terms to be determined by lot. SEC. 2. At such time, the secretary of state shall prepare three separate pieces of paper as near alike as practicable, on one of which shall be written the number "one," on another shall be written the number "two," and on the remaining piece shall be written the number "three," and he shall cause them to be folded up alike as near as practicable, and deposit in a box; and the persons elected commissioners shall severally draw one of the said pieces of paper, and the term of office of each such commissioner shall be determined by such drawing, and each shall hold his office for the number of years corresponding with the number so drawn by him.

Commissioners to be elected annually. SEC. 3. After the first election under this act, there shall annually be elected by the qualified voters of the state, at the general election held in November of each year, one state prison commissioner, who shall hold his office for three years, commencing on the first Monday of January thereafter. In case a vacancy occurs, a commissioner shall be appointed by the governor, who shall hold his office for the residue of the unexpired term.

Acts amended. SEC. 4. Section one of chapter two hundred and eighty-seven of session laws of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one is hereby so amended as not to conflict with the foregoing provisions.

SEC. 5. This act shall be in force from and after its passage.

J. McM. SHAFTER,
Speaker of the Assembly.

TIMOTHY BURNS,
Lt. Governor and President of the Senate.

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LEONARD J. FARWELL.

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