

## Chapter 145.

*Published June 3d, 1858.*

**An Act to protect the people against corrupt and secret influences in  
matters of Legislation**

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

**Misdemeanor under this section—penalty.** SECTION 1. That no person shall, directly or indirectly, offer or agree to give any money or other valuable thing, or security for any money or other valuable thing, to any person for the service of such person, or of any other person, in aiding or advocating or procuring the passage or defeat of any measure before either house of the Legislature, to be paid or delivered on the contingency of the passage or the defeat of any measure before either house of the Legislature ; and that no person shall agree to accept or receive, or shall accept or receive any money or other valuable thing for aiding or advocating or procuring the passage or defeat of any measure before either house of the Legislature of this State ; and that every bargain, contract, or security for any such compensation on any such contingency, and all shifts and contrivances to cover or conceal such bargain, are hereby declared null and void ; and the parties to any such bargain, contract, agreement or understanding, as well the party [to] pay as the party to receive the money or other valuable thing, or security therefor, on any such contingency as is above indicated, are hereby declared guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof before any circuit court of this State, shall suffer imprisonment in the common jail in the county where such person is convicted, or in some other county in the State, as the judge shall direct, for not less than four months nor more than one year, and be subject to a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars.

**Misdemeanor —penalty.** SEC. 2. That no person having any interest in the passage or defeat of any measure before either house of the Legislature, and no agent or person acting for or representing any other person as agent or attorney

in law or in fact, for procuring, aiding, or advocating the passage or defeat of any measure before either house of the Legislature, or before any committee of either house, shall approach, converse with, or explain to, or in any manner attempt to influence any member of the Legislature relative to such measure, without first distinctly disclosing to such member whether he is interested personally in his own right or as agent for any other person in the passage or defeat of such measure; and any person who shall violate the provisions of this section, is hereby declared guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof before any circuit court of this State, be punished by imprisonment not less than one month nor more than one year, and by fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars.

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

Approved May 17th, 1858.

## Chapter 146.

*Published June 2d, 1858.*

An Act to appropriate to the Wisconsin State Hospital for the Insane, a certain sum of money therein named.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Wisconsin State Hospital for the Insane, the sum of eighteen thousand dollars, out of any money in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of carrying on the buildings already under contract, in accordance with the plans and specifications adopted by the board of commissioners and filed in the office of Secretary of State.

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

Approved May 17th, 1858.