

weeks preceeding [preceding] such application, and that due proof shall be made of such notice having been so published, before leave shall be given to bring in any bill to comply with such application; *Provided*, that if there be no newspaper in such county, then publication, as aforesaid, in the nearest newspaper or newspapers shall be sufficient.

SEC. 3. At the opening of each session of the Legislature, there shall be appointed a joint standing committee, consisting of three members of the Assembly and two members of the Senate, to be known as the "Committee on Local Laws," to whom all bills for the purposes specified in this act shall be committed, when first introduced; and unless evidence of the publication of the notice, required by this act, shall be presented to such committee, the committee shall report the bill back with a statement that no such proof has been furnished to it, and no further action shall be taken on such bill during such session of the Legislature.

Committee to
be appointed
by legislature.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of July, 1860.

Approved April 2, 1860.

CHAPTER 371.

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AN ACT to cede to the town of Norway, in Racine county, the swamp and overflowed lands in said town.

Whereas, the town of Norway, in the county of Racine, contains about 2,500 acres of swamp and overflowed lands, belonging to the State, all of which are so submerged as to be, in their present condition, entirely worthless;

And whereas, the said town of Norway is desirous that said lands be drained and reclaimed; *and whereas*, the expenses of draining the same will equal the value of said lands after they are so drained and reclaimed; *therefore*, for the purpose of enabling the said town of Norway to drain and reclaim said lands, and make the same saleable and productive:

Preamble.

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

Swamp and
overflowed
lands granted
in fee simple.

SECTION 1. All of the swamp and overflowed lands belonging to the State, situated in the town of Norway, in the county of Racine, are hereby granted and conveyed to the said town of Norway, and said town shall have and hold the same, in fee simple, and shall have full power to grant, bargain, sell and convey the same, or any part thereof, and said town shall also have power to mortgage the lands herein granted, or any part thereof, for the purpose of procuring means to drain and reclaim the same. But in case of a foreclosure of any such mortgage, and a sale of the mortgaged premises, the town shall not be liable to pay any deficiency remaining unpaid, after applying the proceeds of the sale to the payment of the debt secured by the mortgage, and the cost of such foreclosure.

When town
not liable.

Electors may
dispose of
lands, &c.

Limitation.

SEC. 2. The qualified electors of said town of Norway, may make such order as may seem proper to them, at any annual town meeting of said town, or at any special meeting called for that purpose, in relation to the sale or disposition of said lands, and in relation to draining the same, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act. But nothing herein contained shall authorize said town to contract any debt for or on account of said lands, or the draining thereof, beyond the proceeds of the sale of such lands.

Conveyance—
how executed.

SEC. 3. All mortgages or conveyances executed under this act, shall be executed by the chairman of the board of supervisors and the town clerk of said town, in the name and behalf as [of] said town.

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

Approved April 2, 1860.