

with the secretary of state a notice, in writing, of such election, on or before the first day of January, 1869, then the said bonds shall be subject to taxation, in all respects the same as if this act had not passed, and the state shall not be bound to redeem them until due.

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 321.

[Published May 22, 1865.]

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Milwaukee mechanics' mutual insurance company," approved February 18th, 1852, and the several acts amendatory thereof.

(See supplement to local laws.)

CHAPTER 322.

[Published May 23, 1865.]

AN ACT to authorize the city of Beloit to raise money by wards, for the payment of bounties to volunteers for military service of the United States, and to provide for the levy and collection of the same.

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

Any ward may vote bounties to volunteers and persons furnishing substitutes.

SECTION 1. The qualified electors of any ward of the city of Beloit, in this state, shall have power at any meeting of such electors, called and held as hereinafter provided, to vote to raise by a tax, to be levied upon the taxable property in such ward, such sum or sums of money as they may deem necessary, to pay bounties to volunteers in the service of the United States, who may have enlisted or shall hereafter enlist and become credited to such ward upon its quota, and also to persons who shall procure substitutes for

themselves before being drafted, and have them credited to such ward upon its quota, under any call which may hereafter be made by the president for volunteers for the military service of the United States: *provided*, Limit to bounty. that not more than two hundred dollars shall be paid to any one volunteer, or person furnishing such substitute, out of such bounty tax so voted.

SECTION 2. A meeting of the qualified electors of any such ward in said city of Beloit, may be held for the purpose aforesaid, upon a written petition to the clerk of said city, signed by five or more qualified electors and freeholders in such ward, which petition shall set forth the purpose for which such meeting is asked by the petitioners, together with the amount of money sought to be raised by tax at such meeting for such purpose; and it shall be the duty of the clerk of said city, upon presentation to him of such petition, to call a meeting of the qualified electors of such ward, by posting notices of the same in three or more public places in such ward, stating the time when and the place where such meeting will be held, and the object of the same, together with the amount of tax proposed, to be posted not less than five nor more than fifteen days previously to the time appointed for holding such meeting, and each meeting shall be held at the place designated therefor in the petition asking for the same.

SECTION 3. The aldermen of the respective wards of said city shall constitute the board of inspectors for such meetings, and they shall take the usual oaths or affirmations prescribed by the general laws of the state to be taken by the inspectors of elections, and shall have power to appoint a clerk of such election, and to administer the necessary oaths. Board of inspectors. Such election shall be by ballot, and the elector shall declare his intention by inscribing on his ballot "for tax," or "against tax," or words of similar import. Form of ballots. And such electors shall at the same time choose a board of three commissioners to take charge of the procurement of recruits and the negotiation of scrip for such ward. Election of recruiting commissioners. Such board shall be chosen by ballot, to be taken in a separate box from that in which the ballot upon the question of tax is taken. The names of the commissioners voted for by each elector, shall be inscribed on the ballot, and the three persons having the highest number of votes cast at such election, shall constitute such board, and in case

of a tie vote, the choice between the persons receiving an equal number of votes, shall be determined by a majority of the board of inspectors; and vacancies in such board of commissioners, occasioned by the absence or refusal of any person so chosen to act, or by any other cause, shall be filled by appointment by the aldermen of the ward in which they were chosen: *provided*, that such election, in all other respects, shall be held and conducted in the same manner and under the same penalties, and vacancies in the board of inspectors thereof filled, and the votes canvassed, as required by the laws of this state regarding elections; and a complete record of the proceedings of every such meeting shall be kept, in which shall be stated the amount of each tax voted thereat, and the purpose for which the same was voted, and the names of the persons chosen to superintend recruiting in such ward, and such proceedings shall be signed or attested by the officers and filed and recorded in the office of the clerk of said city; *and provided, further*, that the electors assembled at any such meeting, not less than twelve in number, may, before proceeding to vote on the question of raising any such tax, agree or determine upon a less sum to be voted for any such purpose than the amount named therefor in the petition aforesaid.

SECTION 4. Whenever any such tax shall have been voted by any ward in said city, it shall be the duty of the common council of said city, when they levy the next annual tax upon said ward, to order said tax to be carried out upon the assessment roll of said ward by the clerk of said city, in a separate column, as a ward tax, and the same shall be collected in like manner as other taxes for war purposes, and the same, when collected, shall constitute a bounty fund for the ward in which the same was levied and collected, for the payment of bounties or the redemption of bounty scrip, as the case may require. And the common council of said city shall in all cases order a sufficient sum, aside from such tax so voted by and levied upon any ward of said city, to be levied upon the taxable property of such ward, to pay any interest that shall accrue upon any scrip or order issued for the benefit of such ward, pursuant to this act: *provided*, that no greater sum shall be levied upon any ward than shall have been expended by the same for the procurement of recruits, as herein-

How election to be conducted.

Record of proceedings, &c.

Less bounty may be agreed upon.

Levy and collection of bounty tax.

Tax for interest on orders.

before provided, except for the purpose of paying interest, as aforesaid.

SECTION 5. Whenever any such tax shall have been voted by any ward in said city, it shall be the duty of the mayor of said city to issue orders for the payment thereof, in sums not exceeding two hundred dollars, and drawing not more than seven per cent. interest per annum, which orders shall be countersigned by the clerk of said city, directed to the treasurer thereof, and payable by the terms thereof to bearer, out of the bounty fund of the particular ward for which the same shall have been issued on the 25th day of December next and following the issue of the same. Said orders shall be delivered by the clerk of said city to the commissioners of the ward for which the same were issued, and by them negotiated at no less than their par value, and the proceeds thereof passed to the credit of the ward for which the same were issued, with the treasurer of said city, under the style of bounty fund as aforesaid: *provided*, that such orders shall be received in payment of war taxes in the several wards for which the same were issued; *and provided*, that no more orders shall be issued by such mayor, or negotiated, than shall be certified by the board of commissioners for the respective wards of said city to be necessary for the purpose of filling the quota of their several wards.

Orders may be issued.

Negotiation of orders.

Orders receivable for taxes.

Prohibition.

SECTION 6. The treasurer of said city shall pay to each person volunteering for and recruited to any ward of said city, and to such persons as shall procure substitutes for themselves before being drafted, or to his or their orders as the case may require, out of the bounty fund of such ward, the bounty which may be agreed to be paid such recruit or such persons as may furnish substitutes as aforesaid, by the board of commissioners for such ward at the time of the procurement of such volunteer: *provided*, that such payment shall only be made upon the production of the certificate of muster and credit of such volunteer or substitute to such ward, and the order of the board of commissioners for the amount of bounty agreed upon.

Payment of volunteers, &c.

Proviso.

SECTION 7. A board of commissioners provided for in this act, elected in any ward, shall have power to act in the premises until the ward shall vote a further tax and shall choose a new board in the manner provided in this act; and such commissioners shall receive such

Further powers of commissioners—their compensation.

compensation for their services, to be paid out of the funds of their respective wards, as the common council of said city may allow, not to exceed two dollars per day for time actually spent, and their actual expenses.

Penalties.

SECTION 8. Any person or persons intrusted with the same, who shall willfully misapply or misappropriate any tax or portion thereof, levied and collected under this act, or who shall willfully misapply or misappropriate any scrip issued for the payment of any such tax, or the proceeds of such scrip, shall be deemed guilty of embezzlement; and any officer of said city who shall willfully fail and neglect to perform any duty imposed upon him by the terms of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and liable to indictment and punishment therefor, as provided by law in cases of misdemeanor.

Legalised.

SECTION 9. In each and every case where the qualified electors of any ward meeting of said city, called or held with the intent to comply with the provisions of this act, shall hereafter vote a tax upon any such ward for the purpose of paying bounties to volunteers theretofore enlisted, or who shall thereafter enlist in the service of the United States, or paying such persons as shall furnish substitutes before the draft under a call of the president for volunteers, or for any of the purposes authorized by this act, the proceedings of such meeting and the tax or taxes so voted thereat shall be as valid and legal to all intents and for all purposes, as if the provisions of this law had been all literally and strictly complied with, notwithstanding there may have been errors, omissions or mistakes in giving the notice of such meeting or in the time and place of holding or in the manner of conducting the same: *provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to legalize or validate any act or proceeding founded upon or growing out of actual fraud.

Previo.

Future bounty taxes.

Additional bonds

SECTION 10. No tax to pay bounties or persons furnishing substitutes as hereinbefore provided, shall be voted, levied or collected hereafter in the said city of Beloit, except in pursuance of this act; and the common council of said city may, in its discretion, require of the treasurer of said city additional bonds for the faithful performance of the duties imposed upon him by the terms of this act.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 323.

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AN ACT to establish a ferry across Lake St. Croix, at Hudson.

(See supplement to local laws.)

CHAPTER 324.

[Published May 22, 1865.]

AN ACT to appropriate certain islands (of unsurveyed swamp and overflowed lands) in Fox river, in Marquette county, for bridge purposes.

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

SECTION 1. That the islands (of unsurveyed swamp and overflowed lands) in the Fox river, situate, lying and being in the county of Marquette, be and the same are hereby appropriated to Samuel R. Rood, John Townley and Charles S. Kelsey, as commissioners in trust for the towns of Moundville, Packwaukee and Montello, in said county of Marquette: *provided*, that this act shall not divest or in any way affect whatever estate, right, title and interest, legal or equitable, (if any,) the Fox and Wisconsin improvement company, or the trustees of said company, (so called,) or their grantees, may have in and to the same; *and provided*, said commissioners shall, within one year from the passage of this act, cause the said islands to be measured and surveyed by the county surveyor of said county of Marquette, or by the county surveyor of some adjoining county, and also, within the same period

Grant of lands to commissioners in trust.

Not to affect rights of F. and W. Imp. Co.

Islands to be surveyed, and descriptions sent to sec'y of state.