

CHAPTER 97.

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AN ACT to legalize the proceedings of the town of Oak Creek, in the county of Milwaukee, in relation to raising money by tax to procure volunteers.

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

Preamble.

SECTION 1. Whereas, the town of Oak Creek, in the county of Milwaukee, did, on or about the 27th day of February, 1864, vote to raise a tax of three thousand dollars, to pay bounties to volunteers for the military service of the United States, to fill the quota of said town, and did also, on or about the 5th day of April, 1864, at the annual town meeting in said town, vote to raise two thousand dollars more, making an aggregate of five thousand dollars, and of this amount so voted to be raised, three thousand five hundred and sixty-one dollars have been levied and collected on the taxable property in said town, and expended in procuring volunteers to apply on the quota of said town, leaving one thousand four hundred and thirty-nine dollars, as balance of the sums voted to be raised, not yet levied and collected; and whereas, said town of Oak Creek did, on or about the 18th day of August, 1864, vote to raise ten thousand dollars more for the same purpose as above stated, and the supervisors of said town have issued town orders for the full amount of the ten thousand dollars so voted to be raised, and have, in part, used such town orders in paying bounties to volunteers to fill the quotas of said town, and are now using the remaining part of such town orders to fill the quota of said town under the last call of the president of the United States for three hundred thousand men: Therefore, the proper town officers of said town are hereby authorized and empowered to levy and collect on the taxable property in said town of Oak Creek, the full sum of eleven thousand four hundred and thirty-nine dollars, being for the sum of ten thousand dollars voted to be raised on or about the 18th day of August, 1864, and for which town orders have been issued as aforesaid, and the balance, one thousand four hundred and thirty-nine dollars, voted to be raised on

Then authorized.

or about the 5th day of April, 1864; such tax to be levied and collected as other taxes in said town are now levied and collected by law. Of the money so levied and collected, ten thousand dollars of the amount shall be used by the proper officers of said town, to pay and retire the ten thousand dollars in town orders, issued as above stated, and the balance, one thousand four hundred and thirty-nine dollars, may be used by the proper officers of said town in paying bounties to volunteers to fill the quota of said town, under the last call of the president of the United States for three hundred thousand men. Instead of raising the whole sum of eleven thousand four hundred and thirty-nine dollars in one year, the supervisors of said town may divide the amount, and raise one-half of the amount in the year 1865 and the other half in the year 1866. All the proceedings of said town, in voting the several amounts hereinbefore stated, and in levying and collecting the same, or any part thereof, upon the taxable property in said town, are hereby made and declared legal and binding upon said town, notwithstanding any informalities that may have existed in such proceedings of said town, or any of its officers: *provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to authorize or legalize the payment of more than two hundred dollars to any volunteer, or person providing himself with a substitute.

How money to be used.

Limit to bounty.

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

Approved March 7, 1865.