

erned by the provisions of this chapter relative to circuit courts.

• Construction of act.

SECTION 20. This act shall not be construed so as to affect any action or proceedings now pending in any of the courts of this state, under any statute of this state, relating to boats and vessels.

SECTION 21. All acts or parts of acts interfering with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 22. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 24, 1871.

## CHAPTER 155.

[Published April 1, 1871.]

AN ACT to create the office of state commissioner of immigration, to provide for the same, and define the duties thereof.

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

Shall appoint commissioner of immigration.

SECTION 1. Within thirty days after this act shall be in force the governor of the state is hereby authorized and required to appoint a state commissioner of immigration, who shall hold his office until the first Monday in January, A. D. 1872, and until his successor is elected and qualified. At the general election to be held on the Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday in November, A. D. 1871, and every two years thereafter there shall be elected by the people a state commissioner of immigration, whose term of office shall commence on the first Monday in January next succeeding his election, and continue for two years, and until his successor is elected and qualified. The canvass and return of the election of said commissioner shall be made in the same manner as the elections of other state officers are canvassed and returned.

His election.

Compensation.

SECTION 2. The compensation of said commissioner shall be, including office rent, clerk hire, stationery, light, fuel and other office expenses, two thousand five hundred dollars per annum, to be paid out of the state

treasury in the same manner as the salaries of other state officers are paid. He shall before he enters upon the duties of his office take and subscribe the oath required by the constitution, and execute a bond to the state of Wisconsin in the sum of five thousand dollars, with at least two sureties who shall be resident free holders of this state; said bond to be approved by the governor and together with said oath, preserved in the executive office, and conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties as such commissioner, and that he will deliver over to his successor in office, or to any other person authorized by law to receive the same, all books, records, papers and other articles and effects appertaining to his said office.

Oath and bond required.

SECTION 3. In case the office of said commissioner shall become vacant, or in case the commissioner shall for any cause be incapable of discharging the duties thereof, the governor shall appoint a suitable person to perform the duties of said office, and the person so appointed shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of such commissioner for the residue of such term of office; or until such disability be removed; and such appointee shall, before he enters upon the duties of the office, qualify in the same manner as herein required of such commissioner.

Vacancy—how filled.

SECTION 4. The state commissioner of immigration shall have an office in the city of Milwaukee, where shall be deposited all papers, documents and records appertaining to the business of his office, and to which place all communications upon the subject of immigration may be addressed to him.

Where office to be kept.

SECTION 5. It shall be the duty of said commissioner to prepare for publication each year, a pamphlet, calculated to give all useful information concerning this state, showing briefly and concisely its developed and undeveloped agricultural and mineral resources; the quantity of land in the state belonging to the United States, and subject to pre-emption or entry under the homestead law, the quantity for sale belonging to the state and to railroad companies, the average price thereof; a general description of the climate, qualities of soil, productions and productiveness thereof; timber, water-power, facilities for manufactures, for navigation and commerce; railroad connections, present and prospective, and all other information, statistical or oth-

Shall publish pamphlet.

erwise, tending to show the attractions and advantages which the state offers to immigration, and the facilities for reaching the same.

In what language to be published.

SECTION 6. The commissioner shall cause such pamphlet to be printed in such of the following languages, viz.: English, French, German, Welsh and Norwegian, and in such numbers in each language as he deems proper, and he may cause portions of such pamphlet or abridgements thereof to be printed in any of the above languages, instead of the whole pamphlet.

Printing to be let by contract.

SECTION 7. The commissioner shall let all such printing by contract to the lowest responsible bidder, and may allow a reasonable compensation for the translation of such pamphlet into foreign languages. He may also procure and publish with such pamphlet a suitable map of the state.

May publish articles in newspapers.

SECTION 8. The commissioner is authorized to disseminate information by the publication of suitable articles in such newspapers in Canada and Europe as will publish the same free of charge. He may allow a reasonable compensation for the composition and transmission of such communications.

May appoint county committee.

SECTION 9. The commissioner shall have authority to appoint in each county a committee, consisting of three members to assist him in the performance of his duties, and may remove any of the members of such committee and appoint others in their stead.

Duty of the committee.

SECTION 10. It shall be the duty of the county committee to make duplicate lists of the names and postoffice address of such friends and relatives of the inhabitants of their respective localities as are living in the eastern states and in Europe, and to retain one list, and send the other list to the commissioner.

Shall be furnished with pamphlets.

SECTION 11. The commissioner shall forward to the county committees a sufficient amount of pamphlets to supply all the persons named in the foregoing list, with postage sufficient to carry them to their final destination, and the county committee shall forward the pamphlets by mail to the persons named in their lists, or use other means to distribute said pamphlets, if deemed best.

Shall act under instructions and make report.

SECTION 12. The county committee shall act under the instruction of the commissioner, and shall report to him such information in regard to their respective

counties as he may desire, to enable him to perform his duties under this act.

SECTION 13. Each county committee shall have the right, when so ordered by the board of supervisors of their county, to cause to be printed, information setting forth the advantages of their county and localities therein, and to have such printed information attached to, and forwarded by mail with the pamphlets sent to their county, the expense of which shall be chargeable against said county. May cause information to be published.

SECTION 14. The county committees shall be entitled to receive no compensation from the state for their services, but their expenses for postage shall be allowed by the commissioner and included in his account therefor. No compensation.

SECTION 15. The commissioner may appoint agents of immigration for this state, to reside in the eastern states or cities or in Europe, for the purpose of aiding and advising immigration; and such agents shall act solely under the instructions of the commissioner. But such agents shall receive no compensation from the state for their services, and shall incur no expense chargeable thereto, unless expressly authorized by the commissioner so to do in pursuance of law. Agents of immigration may be appointed.

SECTION 16. The commissioner shall appoint a local agent, to reside in Chicago, Illinois, who shall be employed in behalf of the state at least four months during the year, and who shall be paid a reasonable compensation, to be fixed by the commissioner, not to exceed seventy-five dollars per month for the time there actually employed. It shall be the duty of such local agent to assist and help all immigrants that may arrive in Chicago, and particularly such as may desire to locate in Wisconsin. The said agent shall from time to time receive instructions from the commissioner, and faithfully carry out the same, and shall use all honorable means to induce immigrants to seek homes in favorable localities in this state. He shall make weekly reports to the commissioner, giving the number of immigrants arrived at that port during the week, and as near as practicable the nativity, age, sex, occupation and destination of such immigrants. Local agent for Chicago.

SECTION 17. It shall be the duty of the commissioner himself to act as such local agent of immigration in and for the city of Milwaukee, and to render such or Milwaukee

aid and assistance to all immigrants arriving at that port, who may desire the same.

Shall arrange for transportation.

SECTION 18. The commissioner shall endeavor to arrange with railroad companies and other transportation companies, for the transportation of immigrants at reduced fare.

Shall co-operate with bureau at Washington.

SECTION 19. It shall also be the duty of the commissioner to co-operate with the bureau of immigration at Washington, as far as he can do so with advantage to this state, and to give his time and attention to the subject of immigration; to distribute pamphlets and disseminate information wherever, in his judgment, it will be most beneficial, and to do his utmost with the means placed at his disposal to promote immigration to this state. He shall make a report to the governor on or before the — day of — in each year, of his labors, proceedings and a detailed account of his expenditures and results thereof, accompanied by such references, suggestions and statistics as may furnish reliable data for future legislation on the subject.

Shall report.

Appropriated.

SECTION 20. There is hereby annually appropriated out of any money in the general fund not otherwise appropriated, a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars, to pay the salary of said commissioner, and defray the expenses authorized to be incurred by this act. The expenses of the commissioner under this act shall not in any year exceed the amount appropriated for such year for the payment of such expenses.

Accounts to be certified.

SECTION 21. All accounts for expenses authorized by this act shall be certified by the commissioner to be correct and just, and shall be audited by the secretary of state and paid out of the appropriation made by law therefor. Duplicates of all contracts made by the commissioner and copies of the appointment of all local agents to whom compensation is allowed by law shall be filed with the secretary of state.

Transfer of books, papers, etc.

SECTION 22. As soon as the commissioner provided for by this act shall have been appointed and duly qualified, the state board of immigration shall transfer to him all books, papers, pamphlets, maps, circulars and correspondence relating to immigration; shall settle all unsettled accounts in their hands as such board, and thereupon the duties of said board shall cease, and all acts or parts of acts creating said board, or relating to its duties, shall cease to be of force and effect.

SECTION 23. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 24, 1871.

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## CHAPTER 156.

[Published March 30, 1871.]

AN ACT to apportion the state into senate and assembly districts.

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

SECTION 1. Until there shall be a new apportionment, the senators shall be apportioned among the several districts of this state, as hereinafter mentioned, and each district shall be entitled to elect one senator.

Apportionment  
of senate dis-  
tricts.

The county of Sheboygan shall constitute the first senate district.

The counties of Brown, Door and Kewaunee shall constitute the second senate district.

The first, second, sixth and ninth wards of the city of Milwaukee, and the towns of Granville, Milwaukee and Wauwatosa, in the county of Milwaukee, shall constitute the third senate district.

The counties of Monroe and Vernon shall constitute the fourth senate district.

The county of Racine shall constitute the fifth senate district.

The third, fourth, fifth, seventh and eighth wards of the city of Milwaukee, and the towns of Franklin, Greenfield, Lake and Oak Creek, in the county of Milwaukee, shall constitute the sixth senate district.

The towns of Albion, Blooming Grove, Bristol, Burke, Christiana, Cottage Grove, Deerfield, Dunkirk, Dunn, Medina, Pleasant Springs, Sun Prairie, Windsor, York and the city of Madison, in the county of Dane shall constitute the seventh senate district.

The counties of Kenosha and Walworth shall constitute the eighth senate district.