

soldier in company B of the First regiment of Wisconsin cavalry, from the 24th day of August, A. D. 1861, to the 20th day of February, A. D. 1865, together with interest thereon.

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

Approved March 6, 1877.

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CHAPTER 153.

AN ACT to provide for the action of the commissioners of school and university lands in certain cases.

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

SECTION 1. When any school, university or swamp lands are sold by mistake, fraud, or not in accordance with law, such sale shall be void, and no certificate of sale issued thereon shall be of effect; the holder of any such certificate may be required to surrender the same to the said commissioners, who shall thereupon refund to such holder, his attorney or other legal representative, the amount paid for said illegal certificate, with interest thereon to the date of such repayment, together with such sum as damages as is provided for in section two of this act.

When lands sold by mistake or through fraud, sale to be void.

SECTION 2. Whenever the commissioners of school and university lands of this state are satisfied that they have sold any school, university or swamp land, by mistake or illegally, and have issued certificates in such cases, or signed any patents therefor that have been delivered to purchasers, and that wrong and injustice may have been done or damages incurred in consequence of such issue and delivery of certificates or patents, such commissioners are authorized and empowered, upon the application and request of the holder of such certificate or patent, his attorney or legal representative, which application shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state, to revoke and annul the same, and they shall thereupon refund to such purchaser, patentee, or attorney or legal representative, the amount paid to the state, with interest to the date of such repayment, and such sum for damages, costs and expenses as shall be shown to the satisfaction of said commissioners, by oath or other competent evi-

Power of commissioners to revoke certificates when sale is found to be illegal.

Money of purchaser to be refunded.

ence, has been sustained or necessarily incurred by such purchaser or patentee before notice of such illegal sale or void patent; *provided*, that the commissioner shall not have authority to allow such damages, costs and expenses in any one case more than the sum of one hundred dollars.

Appropriation.

SECTION 3. There is hereby appropriated out of the general fund a sufficient sum to pay any claims allowed by said commissioners under this act, and all acts or parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved March 6, 1877.

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CHAPTER 154.

AN ACT concerning town boards of review.

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

Persons aggrieved may produce witnesses before board of review.

SECTION 1. At the meeting of any town board of review, to equalize the assessment of the property of such town for taxation, it shall be lawful for any person who, feeling aggrieved by said assessment, shall appear before such board for the purpose of asking corrections of such assessment, to call witnesses in support of his application, and such witnesses may be compelled to appear and testify, and for that purpose any justice of the peace of the county shall, on application, issue subpoenas; *provided*, that no witnesses shall be compelled to appear unless upon being first paid or tendered the same fees as witnesses in justice court are entitled to; *and provided further*, that upon payment of such fees, any person, whether a member of the board of review or not may be compelled to appear and testify in behalf either of the town or of any person asking reduction of the valuation of his property.

Person may give evidence as to other property.

SECTION 2. Any person making such application shall be entitled to give evidence not only of the value of his own property, but of any other property included in such assessment roll, which he may claim is assessed too low.