

working until the meeting of the next legislature, so that that body may see the light and determine by practical experiments the cost of the light and its efficiency: *provided, however*, that the governor shall not have power to bind the state to purchase any such machine or lamp, nor shall he make any contract or do any act which shall in any way make the state liable to pay any money, directly or indirectly, on account of any such machines, lamps or experiments, but he may allow the engines and machinery belonging to the state to be used to propel the said machines.

SECTION 2. The governor shall report to the next legislature all steps that may be taken by him in pursuance of the provisions hereof. Report to be made.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 5, 1879.

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### CHAPTER 244.

AN ACT to amend section one thousand and forty, chapter forty-eight, of the revised statutes, relating to the assessment of personal property.

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

SECTION 1. Section one thousand and forty of chapter forty-eight, of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "implements," where that word appears in the eighth line of said section, the word "cord-wood," so that said section shall read, when so amended, as follows: Section 1040.

All personal property shall be assessed in the assessment district where the owner resides, except as hereinafter provided. If such owners be non-residents of the state, but have an agent residing in this state in charge of such property, then the same shall be assessed in the district where such agent resides; otherwise, in the district where the same is located, except as hereinafter provided. Merchants' goods, wares, commodities kept for sale, tools and machinery, manufacturers' stock, farm implements, cord-wood, live stock and farm products, excepting grain in warehouse, shall be assessed in the district where located. Saw-logs and timber which are to be sawed and manufactured in any mill

Amendment.

Personal property; where assessed.

Merchants' goods.

Logs and timber.

When change of location not to affect assessment.

within this state, which is owned or leased by the owner of such logs and timber, shall be assessed as manufacturers' stock in the district where such mill may be located. Saw-logs, timber, railroad ties, lumber and other articles not being manufacturers' stock, shall be assessed where the owner or his agent, in the case aforesaid, resides. No change of location or sale of any personal property, after the first day of May in any year shall affect the assessment made in such year. As between school districts, the location of personal property for taxation shall be determined by the same rules as between assessment districts.

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

Approved March 5, 1879.

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## CHAPTER 245.

AN ACT to amend section four hundred and ninety, four hundred and ninety-two, four hundred and ninety-three, four hundred and ninety-four and four hundred and ninety-six, of the revised statutes, relating to free high schools.

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

Amended.

Free high schools; how established, etc.

How question submitted.

Vote; how taken.

SECTION 1. Section four hundred and ninety of the revised statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 490. Any town or incorporated village or city or school district, which contains within its limits an incorporated village, or which has a graded school of not less than two departments, with not less than twenty-five pupils prepared to begin a high school course, may establish and maintain not exceeding two high schools, in the manner and with the privileges herein provided. The question of establishing such schools may be submitted by the town, school district, or village board, or common council, at any annual or duly called special meeting, or election, upon written resolution therefor, proposed for adoption: *provided*, notice of such purpose, embodying such resolution, be given in the manner provided for notifying a special district meeting, town meeting, or charter election. The vote shall be taken by ballot, and canvassed according to the statutes for conducting elections in such municipality, those ballots in favor, being written or printed "For high schools;" those opposed, "Against