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CHAPTER 304.

AN ACT to provide for the relief of indigent union soldiers, sailors and marines, and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of indigent or deceased union soldiers, sailors and marines.

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

SECTION 1. That the county board of supervisors of the several counties of this state, are hereby authorized, and it shall be the duty of such board to levy, in addition to the taxes now authorized to be levied by law, a tax not exceeding one-fifth of one mill, upon the taxable property of their respective counties, to be levied and collected as now provided by law, for the assessment and collection of taxes, for the purpose of creating a fund for the relief of indigent union soldiers, sailors and marines, and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of indigent or deceased union soldiers, sailors or marines, to be disbursed as hereinafter provided.

County board to levy tax for relief of indigent union soldiers and marines, wives, etc.

SECTION 2. It is hereby made the duty of the chairman of the town board of supervisors of each town, the village board of each village, and the common council of each city of this state, to make a written report to the county board of supervisors of their respective counties, on or before the first day of their annual meeting in November, in each year, containing a list of the names of all the resident indigent union soldiers, sailors and marines, or the indigent wives, widows or minor children of the same, in their respective towns, wards or villages, requiring aid and entitled to relief under the provisions of this law, and the probable amount necessary for that purpose, for the ensuing year, and at their November session the county board of supervisors of the several counties shall make such levies as may be necessary to raise the required relief.

Duty of chairman to make report.

SECTION 3. The county judge in each county in this state in which the proper officers have made

County judge to appoint.

return of indigent soldiers, sailors or mariners, or indigent wives, widows or orphan children as provided in section (2), of this act, shall on or before the second Monday of December after such report is made, appoint three persons, residents of such county, at least two of whom shall be honorably discharged union soldiers; one to serve three years, one to serve two years, one to serve one year from date of appointment, and each year thereafter one person to serve for three years; such persons so appointed, when organized by the selection of one of their number as chairman, and one as secretary, shall be designated and known as (The Soldiers' Relief Commission).

Duties of commissioners,
soldier's Relief Commission.

SECTION 4. The Soldiers' Relief Commission shall meet at the office of the county clerk, on or before the first Monday of January in each year, and at such other times as may be necessary, and carefully examine the lists of those reported as needing aid, under the provisions of this act; and being satisfied that those so reported are in need of assistance and entitled thereto under the provisions of this act, shall fix the amount to be paid in each case to person or family. Said commission may also furnish relief to any indigent soldier, sailor or marine, or indigent wife, widow or minor child of the same, living within the county, whose name may not be found on said list, whose right to such relief under this act shall be established to the satisfaction of such commission; and a list of all such persons as are there found to be entitled to relief, shall be made out by the secretary of the commission, giving the name, place of residence, and amount to be paid in each case; provided, the amount disbursed shall not exceed the tax collected, and such lists shall be signed by the president and secretary of the commission and deposited with the county clerk of the county. Whereupon the county clerk shall issue an order upon the treasurer of the county for the sum designated in each case and deliver the same to the person entitled thereto, taking receipts therefor. Said commissioners shall also make a detailed report to the county board of supervisors at their annual session, in November, each year, of the amount of money expended, with the names of all persons who have received aid under this act. And provided further, that no honorably dis-

charged soldier, sailor or marine of the late war shall be sent to a poor-house in the state of Wisconsin, but that suitable provision shall be made for them by the relief commission out of funds herein provided.

SECTION 5. The county board of supervisors shall allow the persons composing the commission provided for in section 3, of this act, their actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties on presentation of an itemized statement of the same.

Actual expenses to be allowed by county board to commissioners.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.
Approved April 2, 1857.

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CHAPTER 305.

AN ACT to authorize the organization of local fire insurance companies in the cities and villages of this state.

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

SECTION 1. Any number of persons not less than twenty-five, residing in the same city or incorporated village, who collectively, shall own property of not less than twenty-five thousand dollars in value, which they desire to have insured, may form themselves into a corporation, for mutual insurance against loss or damage by fire or lightning, by complying with the following conditions, namely: They shall sign articles of organization, which shall be substantially in the following form, substituting the word, "village" for "city," whenever such corporation is formed within an incorporated village. The undersigned, all residents of the city of _____, in the county of _____, and state of Wisconsin, and owners of at least twenty-five thousand dollars worth of property which we desire to insure, do hereby associate for the purpose of forming a mutual fire insurance

Manner of organization of local fire insurance companies in cities and villages.