

**SECTION 2.** All acts and parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.  
Approved April 9, 1889.

[No. 75, S.]

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## CHAPTER 339.

AN ACT to provide for the relief of indigent or needy Union soldiers, sailors and marines, and the indigent or needy 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.** The county boards of supervisors of the several counties of this state are hereby authorized, and it shall be the duty of such boards, to levy, in addition to the taxes now authorized to be levied by law, a tax of one-fifth of one mill upon the taxable property of their respective counties; and if said county boards of supervisors shall, in their judgment, deem said tax of one-fifth of one mill inadequate to raise a fund sufficient to carry out the intent of the provisions of this act, they may in their discretion levy, in addition to said one-fifth of one mill, such a per cent. or sum which, together with the one-fifth of one mill, will not in the aggregate exceed two-fifths of one mill upon the taxable property of their respective counties; the tax determined upon by the board of supervisors 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 or needy Union soldiers, sailors and marines, and the indigent or needy wives, widows and minor children of indigent or deceased Union soldiers, sailors and marines, said fund to be disbursed as hereinafter provided.

County boards to levy tax for relief of indigent or needy Union soldiers, sailors and marines and descendants.

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Names of, to be reported to board.

**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 in this state to make a written report to the county board 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 of the resident indigent or needy Union soldiers, sailors and marines, or the indigent or needy 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.

County judge to appoint soldiers' relief commission.

**SECTION 3.** The county judge in each county in this state, 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 from date of appointment, one to serve two years, and one to serve one year, and each year thereafter one person to serve 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." The county judge is hereby authorized, and it shall be his duty to fill all vacancies in such commission, and the appointee shall hold for the unexpired term of the former incumbent.

Meeting of 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 the person or family. Said commission may also furnish relief to any indigent or needy soldier, sailor or marine, or indigent wife, widow or minor child of the same living, within

Duties.

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 chairman 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 commissioner 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 when the commission shall deem it better to furnish such relief, in the necessaries of life, or in a different manner from the one provided in this section, then the county clerk shall issue an order to the chairman of the commission, upon the treasurer of the county, for such sum as the commission shall determine upon, to be used in such different manner. The county judge is hereby authorized, and it shall be his duty, to require of the commission a bond, to the proper county by its corporate name, executed by each of its members, with sufficient sureties, to be approved by said judge, in a sum equal to the tax levied in the current year for the purpose named in this act, said bond to be filed with the county clerk.

Report of, to  
county board.

SECTION 5. The county board of supervisors shall allow the persons composing the commission the same compensation allowed members of the county board, for regular meetings of said commission, and their actual expenses incurred in the performance of their other duties, as defined in this act, on presentation of an itemized statement of the same; provided, however, that there shall not be to exceed four such meetings in any one year.

Compensation  
of commission-  
ers.

Repeal of ch.  
304, laws 1887.

SECTION 6. Chapter 304, of the laws of 1887, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.  
Approved April 9, 1889.

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## CHAPTER 340.

AN ACT defining the duty of the secretary of state and the state treasurer in the disbursement of money received from sale of lands therein named.

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

Swamp lands,  
proceeds of  
sales of.

WHEREAS, By an act of congress approved September 28, 1850, entitled, "an act to enable the state of Arkansas and other states to reclaim the swamp lands within their limits," all the swamp and overflowed lands in the state of Wisconsin, then not disposed of by the United States were given to the state for the purpose, as stated in said act, of using the proceeds of sale of such lands to reclaim the same from their swampy condition and their liability to overflow; and

WHEREAS, Congress, by an act prior to the one referred to above, had issued military bounty land warrants to the United States soldiers who participated in the Mexican war, thereby granting the power to the holders of such warrants to locate upon any public lands, thereby conflicting with the act aforesaid; and

WHEREAS, Congress, by an act approved March 2, 1855, entitled, "an act for the relief of purchasers and locaters of swamp and overflowed lands," recognized and corrected the conflict arising from the two acts referred to, by giving the state other government lands to indemnify it for the loss of the swamp and overflowed lands located upon by the holders of said land warrants, from the year 1850 to 1857, thereby showing that the intention