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CHAPTER 163.

AN ACT to prohibit and punish the employment of bodies of armed men to act as militiamen, policemen, or peace officers, who are not authorized by law to act in that capacity.

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

SECTION 1. The use or employment of bodies of armed men to act as militiamen, policemen or peace officers, who are not duly authorized or empowered to act in such capacity under the laws of this state, is hereby prohibited and declared to be unlawful; and no person, firm, company or corporation, shall hereafter use or employ any such body of armed men, to act in the capacity aforesaid, for the protection of person or property, or for the suppression of strikes within this state, whether such armed men be employes of detective agencies (so called) or otherwise. Any person who, as officer or agent of any firm, incorporated company or corporation, aids or assists in the employment of such armed men, shall be deemed to have employed the same within the meaning of this act.

Amendment,
not to act as
militiamen
unless so em-
powered by
laws of this
state.

SECTION 2. Any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment in the state prison not more than three years, nor less than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Penalty.

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

Approved April 13, 1893.