

the first day of March until the fifteenth day of May next ensuing in each and every year.

Penalty for failure to maintain. SECTION 2. Any person, or persons, firm or corporation who shall neglect or refuse to construct or keep in repair or keep open a fishway as required by the provisions of this act, shall upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars and costs of suit for each and every such offense; one-half of the fines so collected shall be paid to the complaining witness.

Conflicting laws repealed. SECTION 3. All acts or parts of acts in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force, from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 26, 1901.

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CHAPTER 219.

AN ACT to amend section 1337 of the statutes of 1898, relating to the removal of fences.

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

Removal when not required to be made. SECTION 1. Section 1337 of the Wisconsin statutes of 1898 is hereby amended by striking out the words "first day of November" in the second line of said section 1337, and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "first day of October;" so that the said section 1337 when so amended shall read as follows: "Section 1337. No person shall be required to remove any fence under the above provisions except between the first day of October and the first day of April, unless the same shall have been made within three months next before the making of the order for the removal

thereof. The provisions of this section shall not apply to cities and incorporated villages.”

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

Approved April 26, 1901.

No. 236, S.]

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CHAPTER 220.

AN ACT defining and enlarging the powers and duties of the commissioner of taxation and amending chapter 206 of the laws of 1899, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

General powers; over assessors; to direct boards of review; report from town, city and village officers; information from corporations, etc.; summoning witnesses; administering oaths; investigation of county methods; reports. . SECTION 1. A new section is hereby added to chapter 206 of the laws of 1899 to be numbered and read as follows: Section 3a. The commissioner shall have the power and it shall be his duty. I. To have and exercise general supervision of the system of taxation throughout the state. II. To exercise general supervision over assessors, town, city and village boards of review or equalization, and the determination and assessment of taxable property in the several towns, cities and villages by the county board of supervisors to the end that all taxable property in the state shall be placed on the assessment rolls at the true cash value, equalized between persons, companies and corporations in assessment districts and between municipalities in counties so that equality of taxation shall be secured according to the provisions of law. III. To confer with, advise and direct assessors, boards of review and county boards of supervisors as to their duties under the statutes of the state, and to direct that proceedings, actions or prosecutions be instituted to enforce the laws relating to the penalties, liabilities and punishment of public officers, persons and officers or agents of corporations for failure or neg-