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**CHAPTER 537.**

AN ACT relating to the capitol, providing for its construction, making an appropriation, and levying a tax therefor.

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

**Appropriation for new capitol, heating plant and warehouse.** SECTION 1. 1. For the purpose of constructing the capitol, for purchasing a site for a heating plant and warehouse, and for constructing and connecting the same with the capitol, as directed by chapter 19 of the laws of 1907, in addition to the sums heretofore appropriated, there is hereby appropriated from the general fund in the treasury, annually for nine successive fiscal years, beginning with the year to end June 30, 1908, the sum of six hundred thousand dollars. The sums heretofore appropriated shall be available to the Capitol Commission for any of such purposes.

**Annual tax; remission.** 2. To provide in part for such appropriation, there is hereby levied an annual state tax, upon the general property of the state, in each of said nine successive fiscal years, of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars, to be apportioned by the secretary of state annually as provided by section 1070 of the statutes; but such levy, or any portion thereof, may be remitted, pursuant to the provisions of section 1069a of the statutes.

**Commission to proceed.** SECTION 2. 1. The capitol commission is directed to proceed with the construction and completion of the heating plant and warehouse and of the capitol, according to the plan adopted, as rapidly as the appropriations hereby made will permit.

**Removal of existing building.** 2. The commission shall remove the existing capitol in parts from time to time as necessary, use or dispose of the materials thereof, as may be most advantageous, and apply any proceeds realized to the cost of such removal or other authorized purposes.

**Condemnation proceedings.** 3. The commission may acquire title by condemnation for the site of such plant and warehouse according to the provisions of chapter 33 of the statutes, and the attorney general shall conduct the proceedings.

**Spur track; tunnel; water main.** 4. The commission is authorized to procure to be laid any railroad spur track or tracks requisite to connect the heating plant with any railroad line or to transport building material to the capitol grounds, to build a connecting tunnel between the heating plant and capitol, and to lay a water main between either of the lakes of Madison and such plant, and therefore to occupy and use, but only so far and so long as necessary, any street or streets in the city of Madison.

**Advertisement for bids.** SECTION 3. 1. Advertisements by the commission to invite proposals to furnish material or labor shall be made in the official state paper, and in such other papers as the commission shall select, so long as shall be deemed necessary, but whenever, from exigency of time or from the nature of the work or materials, it is most expedient so to do, the commission may contract, in particular cases, without such advertisement.

**Acts confirmed.** 2. The previous acts of the commission are confirmed.

**Governor's approval; maximum cost.** SECTION 4. 1. No contract for the construction of such plant or warehouse, or of any wing, or the central portion of the capitol, shall be valid until the same shall have been approved by the governor as being within the limits of the appropriations herein made, properly apportioned, provided that the total cost of construction of any wing of such capitol shall not exceed \$800,000.

**Repeal.** 2. The former limitation of cost per cubic foot is repealed.

Approved July 10, 1907.

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