

No. 132. A.]

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CHAPTER 444.

AN ACT to amend sections 237h, 237i, and 237j of the statutes, relating to the state board of immigration.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 237h, 237i and 237j of the statutes are amended to read: Section 237h. The secretary of state, * * * *the dean of the college of agriculture and the president of the state board of agriculture* shall constitute a state board of immigration to serve without compensation. The secretary of state shall be ex-officio chairman of said board. In the event of a vacancy in said board the remaining two members shall constitute the board.

Section 237i. The state board of immigration shall appoint a qualified elector of this state to be secretary of said board and such secretary shall be officially known and styled commissioner of immigration. The said commissioner of immigration shall hold office during the pleasure of said board and shall receive a salary of eighteen hundred dollars per annum, *and necessary traveling expenses*, and shall perform such functions as said board shall designate. The said commissioner of immigration shall be provided with an office and suitable furniture and stationery at the expense of the state. Before entering upon the duties of his office the said commissioner shall make and subscribe an oath of office in the usual form. The said board of immigration shall secure the services of not to exceed one stenographer for the use of said commissioner, the compensation for said stenographic work to be fixed and determined by said board.

Section 237j. It shall be the duty of the state board of immigration to cause to be collected and printed in such form as may be best calculated to attract to the state desirable immigrants seeking homes and capital seeking profitable investment, information relating to the advantages and opportunities offered by this state to the farmer, the merchant, the manufacturer, the home-seeker and *the summer visitor*. The publications of said board shall be made in the form of circulars, folders, and pamphlets, with or without maps or illustrations, and shall contain in succinct language easily comprehended by the general public statements relating to the soil, climate, water, products, markets, transportation facilities,

summer resorts, location of undeveloped lands and the relative value and cost of these lands compared with those of other localities. The board may in its discretion determine whether one or more or all such subjects shall be included in each of the circulars, folders and pamphlets printed by authority of this act. The board may in its discretion cause to be translated and printed in such foreign language or languages as may be selected any or all of the circulars, folders and pamphlets provided for in this section. *For the purpose of securing a more complete distribution of the above mentioned literature, the said board of immigration may cause to be inserted in newspapers, magazines and farm papers appropriate notices, maintain permanent exhibits in populous centers and make exhibits at public fairs, but the total expense of such notices and exhibits shall not exceed ten per cent of the total funds available for the maintenance of the said board.*

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

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CHAPTER 445.

AN ACT to authorize the continuation of the work of the Wisconsin History Commission, and to assist in such work by an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. The Wisconsin History Commission is authorized to continue the work of such commission and to assist in the same, and to pay for expenses heretofore incurred and services heretofore rendered the sum of two thousand dollars annually, for two years, is hereby appropriated for such commission to be drawn and accounted for in the same manner money is drawn and accounted for by similar commissions. The unexpended appropriation for the first year may be expended the second year.

The superintendent of public property shall furnish such commission the usual and necessary stationery for the transaction of the business of such commission.

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

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