

tenance for the time that such person receives treatment at the institution, such charges to be collected in the manner provided by section 561e of the statutes, and the patient shall be required to do such work as may be prescribed by the superintendent and physician.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved July 10, 1917.

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CHAPTER 608

AN ACT to appropriate to Charles Lentz and Edmund J. Labuwi, respectively, a sum of money therein named, to reimburse them for expenses incurred in a contest to determine the right to a seat in the assembly.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated to Charles Lentz the sum of two hundred twenty-five dollars, and to Edmund J. Labuwi the sum of one hundred twenty-five dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to reimburse each in full for all expenses incurred by him in the contest between them to determine the right to a seat in the assembly at this session of the legislature.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved July 10, 1917.

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CHAPTER 609

AN ACT to amend sections 1480a, 1480b and 1481 and to create section 1481n of the statutes, relating to the appointment and to the duties and compensation of commissioners of noxious weeds, to reports of their appointment and work, to the duty of threshing machine operators, and providing penalties and the means of enforcing the same.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Sections 1480a, 1480b and 1481 of the statutes are amended to read: Section 1480a. The chairman of each town board, the president of each village board and the mayor of each city shall appoint some competent person or persons as commissioner or commissioners of noxious weeds therein and

shall report the name of such appointee or appointees to the commissioner of agriculture on or before the fifteenth day of May in each year; such person shall take an oath to faithfully perform the duties imposed upon him, which oath shall be filed in the office of the town, village or city clerk, and shall hold his office for one year and until his successor has qualified unless he is sooner removed for good cause by the officer who appointed him, in which case his successor shall be appointed for the unexpired portion of the term. If more than one commissioner is appointed the town, city or village shall be divided into districts by the officer making the appointment, and each person appointed shall be assigned to one such district. Between the first and fifteenth day of August in each year each appointing officer shall report to the commissioner of agriculture whether or not the commissioner or commissioners of weeds appointed by him have faithfully performed their duties. This section shall not apply to cities of the first class, but in such cities the ward superintendents shall perform the duties of commissioners of weeds.

Section 1480b. Such commissioner shall carefully investigate concerning the existence of noxious weeds in his town, city, village or district; and if any person or corporation, owning, occupying or controlling any lands therein shall neglect to destroy any of the weeds which under the provisions of section 1480 are to be destroyed, and standing or growing on such lands or upon any highway, lane or alley adjoining and nearer to such lands than the center of such highway, lane or alley, he shall serve or cause to be served on such person or corporation the written notice provided for in said section 1480, and if said person or corporation shall fail to comply with the terms of said notice within the time specified in said section 1480, he shall destroy or cause all such weeds to be destroyed and may devote as many days to doing so as the officer appointing him shall direct, and for each day so used in destroying such weeds, he shall receive • • • three dollars upon presenting to the proper treasurer his account therefor, verified by his oath and approved by the chairman, president or mayor, as the case may be. Such account shall specify by separate items the amount chargeable to each piece of land, describing the same, and shall, after being paid by the treasurer, be filed with town, city or village clerk, who shall enter the amount chargeable to each tract of land in the next tax roll in a column headed "for the destruction of weeds," as a tax on the lands upon which such weeds were de-

stroyed, which tax shall be collected as other taxes are, except in case of railroad lands which are exempt from taxation in the usual way, when the amount chargeable against the same shall be certified by the commissioner to the board of supervisors or trustees or the common council, as the case may be, who shall cause a certified copy thereof to be transmitted to the state treasurer, who shall add the amount designated therein to the sum due from the railroad company owning, occupying or controlling the lands specified as the license fee thereof, and he shall collect the same therefrom as prescribed in sections 1212 and 1213 and return the amount collected to the town, city or village from which such certificate was received. Any such commissioner may enter upon any lands upon which any of the weeds mentioned in section 1480 are growing and cut or otherwise destroy them without being liable to an action for trespass or any other action for damages resulting from such entry and destruction, if reasonable care is exercised in the performance of the duty hereby imposed.

Section 1481. Any chairman, president or mayor who shall neglect or refuse to appoint one or more commissioners of noxious weeds, as provided in section 1480a, * * * and to make the reports to the commissioner of agriculture as required by said section shall forfeit not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, and any such commissioner who, after having taken his oath of office, shall neglect or refuse to perform the duties imposed upon him shall forfeit not less than ten dollars nor more than twenty-five dollars for each such neglect or refusal. *The commissioner of agriculture shall report any violations of this section to the proper district attorney, and such district attorney shall thereupon commence and prosecute appropriate actions to recover the penalty for such violations.* It shall be the duty of every town clerk, at each annual town meeting, to read aloud to the people there assembled this and the three preceding sections.

SECTION 2. A new section is added to the statutes to read: Section 1481n. Every person, firm, or corporation operating a threshing machine on any farm shall take all reasonable precautions to keep the said machine in a reasonably clean condition, and to remove therefrom all seeds of noxious weeds before removing the said machine from one farm to another. Violations of this section shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars or imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding thirty days.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved July 10, 1917.

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CHAPTER 610

AN ACT to authorize the commissioners of public lands to transfer to James P. Eliason certain lands in Oconto county, Wisconsin.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The commissioners of public lands are hereby authorized, instructed and directed to transfer and convey to the heirs of James P. Eliason, deceased, late of Oconto county, Wisconsin, the following described premises, situated in Oconto county, Wisconsin, to wit: The southwest quarter of section thirty-five in township thirty-three north, range seventeen east.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved July 10, 1917.

No. 684, A.]

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CHAPTER 611

AN ACT to amend section 4927 of the statutes, relating to the employment of convicts outside of the prison.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 4927 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 4927. If the warden shall at any time deem it for the interest of the state he may employ the convicts outside the prison yard in quarrying or getting stone from and cultivating the prison farm, or in doing any work necessary to be done in the prosecution of the regular business of the institution; *he may also employ convicts outside of the prison walls and away from the prison grounds in the construction of buildings being erected by the state, or some board or department thereof;* and in all such cases the warden shall detail such force from the prison police as he shall deem necessary to watch and guard them, and in case any convict employed outside the prison yard shall escape he shall be deemed as having escaped from the prison proper.