

SECTION 2. Section 11 of chapter 297 of the laws of 1907 is amended to read: (Chapter 297, section 11) The commissioner of public works is authorized to employ from time to time such clerks and workmen as he may deem necessary for the discharge of the duties of his office, and any person appointed or employed by such commissioner in pursuance of this act may at any time be removed or discharged for incompetence by such commissioner, provided however, that the maximum number of clerks and workmen shall be prescribed by the common council of such city by resolution or ordinance, and that the salaries or wages for the same shall be fixed * * * *by* resolution or ordinance by such common council.

SECTION 3. Section 14 of chapter 297 of the laws of 1907 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 189.

AN ACT to create section 1494—9a of the statutes, relating to the eradication of the harmful species and varieties of barberry and other plant species which act as hosts or carriers of dangerous plant diseases or insect pests.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes a new section to be numbered and to read: Section 1494—9a. (1) No person, firm, or corporation shall receive, ship, accept for shipment, transport, sell, offer for sale, give away, deliver, plant, or permit to exist on his or its premises any plant of the harmful barberry, or any plant of a species that shall be designated by the department of agriculture in published regulations to be a host or carrier of a dangerous plant disease or insect pest.

(2) The state entomologist of the department of agriculture and his deputies are hereby empowered to eradicate any such plant found growing in the state. If the owner shall refuse or neglect to eradicate such plants within ten days after receiving a written notice, the expense of such eradication shall be assessed, collected, and enforced against the premises upon which such expense was incurred as taxes are assessed, collected, and enforced, and shall be paid into the treasury of the state.

(3) The term "harmful barberry" shall be interpreted to consist of any species of *Berberis* or *Mahonia* susceptible to in-

fection by *Puccinis graminis*, commonly called black stem rust of grain, but not including Japanese barberry, *B. thunbergii*, which does not propagate the rust.

(4) The penalties provided in section 1494—10i and all other applicable provisions of sections 1494—1 to 1494—10i, inclusive, shall govern and apply to the enforcement of this section.

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

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CHAPTER 190.

AN ACT to amend section 2546f of the statutes, relating to stenographic reporter for grand juries.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2546f of the statutes is amended to read: Section 2546f. Every grand jury shall have the power in addition to the appointment of one of their own number to be their clerk, as now provided by law, when ordered by the judge ordering such grand jury, to employ a competent stenographic reporter to attend all their sessions and to take down in shorthand a complete report of all proceedings had before them, and such stenographic notes shall, as soon as convenient, be transcribed into long hand by such reporter and deposited with the attorney-general or with the district attorney of the county or both as the grand jury may direct. Before assuming the duties herein prescribed such reporter shall make and file an oath faithfully to report and transcribe all the proceedings before such grand jury and to keep inviolate the secrecy required by law to be kept relative to such proceedings. He shall be paid out of the county treasury of the county in which the service is rendered such sum as shall be audited and allowed by the court ordering said grand jury, not to exceed * * * ten dollars per day for each day actually engaged before the grand jury as such stenographic reporter, and for transcribing his notes the fees * * * prescribed by law for similar services in courts of record. Such stenographic reporter may at his own expense employ the assistance of a competent typewriter operator in transcribing his notes of the testimony and proceedings of said grand jury, but before entering upon his duties hereunder such typewriter operator shall be required to make and file an oath similar to that required