

library a librarian who holds the requisite certificate, the board may grant to such library board a permit to employ a person without the required certificate for a period of not to exceed six months and such permit, in case of emergency, may be once renewed for a period of six months.

(10) The provisions of subsections (2) and (8) of this section do not apply to any public library maintained wholly or in part at state expense.

20.145 All fees received by the public library certification board under the provisions of section 43.165 shall be paid, within one month after receipt, into the general fund, and are appropriated therefrom to said board for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of said section.

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

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CHAPTER 337.

AN ACT to amend section 26.11, 26.12 and subsections (1), (2) and (4) of section 26.13 of the statutes, relating to forest fires. *The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Sections 26.11, 26.12 and subsections (1), (2) and (4) of section 26.13 of the statutes are amended to read:
 26.11 The commission shall be in charge of and give suitable directions to the entire fire warden force of the state. The chairman of the town board of each town in the state shall be * * * town fire warden * * * *by virtue of his office and the oath therefor* and the superintendent * * * of highways for * * * each town * * * shall be assistant town fire warden. * * *

26.12 The state fire warden shall have general charge of the fire warden force of the state, and shall have authority to mass such fire warden force as may be available at any special point to suppress fires. In cases of emergency, * * * or * * * if a town shall be unusually large, the state fire warden may, on recommendation of the town chairman, appoint, temporarily, needed fire wardens, whose duties and authority shall be the same as

herein provided for town and assistant town fire wardens. *Each conservation warden, forest ranger or federal patrolman or other employes of the conservation commission shall be a special fire warden-at large, who shall assist and cooperate with the town and assistant town fire wardens, but whose duties and authority shall be the same as herein provided for town and assistant town fire wardens, should occasion demand.*

(26.13) (1) * * * All fire wardens shall take prompt and effective measures against the spread and illegal setting of forest, marsh, or swamp fires within their towns and districts and shall have the power of sheriffs to arrest without warrant for violations of the provisions of any sections of the statutes relating to setting, failure to extinguish, or care of fires. They shall have authority to call upon any able-bodied citizen, in territory in which they act, to assist in extinguishing forest, marsh, swamp and other running fires in such manner as they may direct.

(2) * * * Town or assistant town fire wardens *or those assisting them* in the extinguishing of forest, marsh, swamp and other fires shall receive compensation for their services at not more than * * * *thirty-five* cents per hour for the time actually employed. The commission is authorized to approve for payment not to exceed fifty per cent of the clear proceeds of any fine collected in an action brought for violation of any of the provisions of sections 4405a to 4406 of the statutes relating to setting, failure to put out, or care of fires, where the evidence to secure a conviction is furnished by a town fire warden, an assistant town fire warden, or any other person.

(4) The expense of preventing or extinguishing forest, marsh, swamp or other running fires by the town or assistant town fire wardens, and by those called upon by either of said fire wardens to assist them, shall be borne by the * * * *town in which such expense was incurred* and the town board may levy and assess a tax for defraying such expense. Such tax shall be collected in the same manner as other taxes, and such tax when so collected shall be paid into the town treasury from which such expense is paid.

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

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