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AN ACT relating to school, university, swamp and overflowed lands belonging to the State, and to repeal section nine, of chapter twenty-nine, of the Revised Statutes.

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

SECTION 1. The Commissioners of School and University Lands are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint such number of clerks, not exceeding four, as they may determine to be necessary, for the purpose of protecting the school, university, swamp and overflowed lands, belonging to the State, or any lands in which the State may have an interest, legal or equitable, from any injury from any person or persons, trespassing thereon, by digging or removing any mineral therefrom, or by cutting or removing, or in any manner injuring, any lumber, timber, trees, or wood, being, standing, or growing on any such premises: *Provided*, that the commissioners shall not employ such clerks for a period to exceed four months each, in any one year.

Commissioners authorized to app't clerks to protect state lands against trespassers.

Such clerks shall not be employed more than four months each year.

SEC. 2. It is hereby made the duty of the commissioners of school and university lands, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to prescribe, by written rules and regulations, the duties and the compensation

Commissioners to regulate duties and compensation.

- Limit to compensation. of such clerks: *Provided*, that no such clerk shall receive more compensation for his services than shall be paid to a clerk employed in the school bureau, at Madison, and only for the time he shall be actually employed: *And provided further*, that the whole compensation to such clerks shall not exceed, in the aggregate, the sum of two thousand dollars per annum.
- Total compensation not to exceed \$2000. SEC. 3. Said commissioners shall not have power to authorize any such clerk or clerks to settle or compromise with any person or persons trespassing or injuring any premises described in the first section of this act.
- Such clerks may not compromise with trespassers. SEC. 4. The said commissioners shall have power to authorize and empower any such clerk to seize, or cause to be seized, any timber, lumber, logs, shingles, shingle-bolt, staves, shocks, headings, or wood, cut upon, or removed, or taken from any of the land described in section one, of this act, without process, and to sell the same at public auction, to the highest bidder: *Provided*, that no such sale shall be made until the clerk making such seizure shall report the same to the said commissioners, nor until the time and place of such sale shall have been advertised in a newspaper, printed in the county where such sale is to had, if any there be, at least once in each week for three successive weeks; and if there is no newspaper printed in said county, then by written or printed notice of such time and place, posted up in the most public place in said county, at least twenty days before such sale.
- Shall be authorized to seize lumber, &c., and sell without process. SEC. 5. Any person or persons found trespassing upon any such lands belonging to this State, shall have the right to purchase said premises of the State, by paying the amount, in specie, at the minimum price at which such land shall be appraised, if the same is subject to private entry at the office of the said commissioners. If such person or persons shall hold a certificate of purchase for such lands, executed by the Commissioners of School and University Lands, he or they shall have the right to obtain a patent for such land, by paying the amount due the State on such certificate, with all arrears of interest and legal charges thereon. Upon securing such payment, and a sum, in addition thereto, equal to twenty-five per centum upon the whole amount paid for such land, the said commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to release any lumber, timber, logs, shingles, shingle-bolts, staves, headings, or wood, cut upon the premises so purchased or patented, and to discontinue
- Shall report to commiss'rs and advertise, before sale.
- Trespassers shall have the right to purchase lands.
- Holders of cert's may patent their lands.
- Twenty-five per cent. penalty to be added to price of land.

any and all suits commenced to recover any damages for such cutting, taking, or carrying away, without cost to the State.

SEC. 6. The compensation and expenses of such clerks shall be audited by the Secretary of State, upon the certificate of the commissioners, and shall be paid out of the State treasury, out of the income of the several funds for which the service has been rendered. The amount to be paid out of each fund shall be determined by the Secretary of State. An amount sufficient is hereby appropriated, out of the State treasury, to pay all such accounts so audited as aforesaid: "Provided, that the whole amount to be audited, during any one year, for services rendered pursuant to the provisions of this act, shall not exceed the sum of three thousand dollars."

Sec'y of state to audit accounts under this law, and determine am't payable from each fund. Appropriation Whole expenses not to exceed \$3,000 per annum.

SEC. 7. Section nine, of chapter twenty-nine, of the Revised Statutes, entitled "Of swamp and overflowed lands," is hereby repealed.

Sec. 9, chap. 29, R. S. repealed.

(SEC. 8. Section 9, of chapter 29, of the Revised Statutes, entitled "Of swamp and overflowed lands," is hereby repealed.)

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 278.

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AN ACT to amend chapter 88, of the General Laws of 1857, entitled "An act to authorize the establishment of a House of Refuge for juvenile delinquents in the State of Wisconsin."

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

SECTION 1. Section fourteen, chapter eighty-eight, of the General Laws of 1857, entitled "An act to authorize the establishment of a House of Refuge for juvenile delinquents in Wisconsin," is hereby amended by inserting, after the word "clerk," where it occurs in said section, the words "of the circuit court;" and also by striking out the words "each county clerk," where they occur in said section, and insert instead thereof the words "the clerk of the circuit court in each county."

Amendments to sec. 14, chap. 88, R. S.