

such officer the proper number and amount of stamps to be affixed thereto, or shall pay him the same [sum] in money required to obtain such stamps.

Cost of stamps on certificates of tax sales, a lien on the lands.

SECTION 2. The cost of all stamps required by the laws of the United States to be affixed to the certificate of sale of any land sold for taxes, interest and charges, in any year, in pursuance of law, shall be a lien thereon until paid, equally with the unpaid taxes; and the county or city treasurer selling such land is hereby required to include the cost of such stamps as a part of the charges due thereon, in the amount for which such land shall be sold.

Sup't of public property to furnish stamps to state officers, &c.

SECTION 3. When any state officer shall be required to use stamps of the United States in his official capacity, and cannot be furnished with the same under the provisions of section one of this act, the superintendent of public property is hereby authorized to furnish to such officer such stamps; and the said superintendent's account for the same, duly verified by affidavit, shall be audited and allowed by the secretary of state, who shall draw his warrant on the treasury for the payment thereof; and there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum sufficient to pay all warrants drawn in accordance with the provisions of this section.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 30, 1863.

CHAPTER 160.

[Published April 15, 1863.]

AN ACT to graduate and reduce the minimum amounts for which swamp and overflowed lands belonging to the state may be sold.

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

Graduated prices of lands which have once been sold.

SECTION 1. The commissioners of school and university lands are hereby authorized and required to graduate and reduce the prices for which the swamp and

overflowed lands now belonging to the state, or which may hereafter belong to the state, may be sold, in the manner hereinafter specified. Upon all such lands which have once been sold and been forfeited and resold to the state, and shall have remained in the hands of the state for one year from the first day of January immediately following such resale, the price shall be reduced by deducting from the price now fixed by law, the amount of interest and penalties and cost of advertising due the state at the time of such resale. At the expiration of two years from the first day of January following the resale, the price shall be still further reduced, by deducting ten per cent. of the principal due the state at the time of forfeiture. At the expiration of another year, the price shall be still further reduced, by deducting another ten per cent. of the principal due the state at the time of forfeiture, and so on, at the expiration of every year, ten per cent. of the original balance of principal due the state, shall be deducted from the last price: *provided*, that such reduction shall cease when the price shall reach seventy-five cents per acre, exclusive of all taxes: *provided, further*, the provisions of this act shall not apply to lands forfeited after the passage of this act. Minimum price.

SECTION 2. In case the taxes due at the time of forfeiture upon any of the lands mentioned in section one of this act, shall exceed five dollars per forty acres, such excess shall also be deducted from the price of the land at the expiration of one year from the first day of January immediately following such resale. Deduction of taxes.

SECTION 3. Upon all swamp and overflowed lands now belonging to the state, which have once been offered at public sale and not sold, and which shall remain unsold one year from the first day of January immediately following such public sale, the price now fixed by law shall be reduced, by deducting therefrom ten per cent. of such amount, and so on, at the expiration of every year during which such lands shall remain unsold, ten per cent. of the original price shall be deducted from the last price: *provided*, that such reduction shall cease when the price of the land shall reach seventy-five cents per acre. Graduated prices of lands which have not been sold.

SECTION 4. At least one-third of the purchase money of all swamp and overflowed lands shall be paid at the time of the sale thereof, and the commissioners All of purchase money may be required.

may require the whole of the purchase money to be paid at the time of sale.

Repeal.

SECTION 5. All acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 161.

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AN ACT in relation to record evidence.

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

Records requiring stamps.

SECTION 1. Whenever it shall appear from the records in the office of the register of deeds of any county in this state, that any deed, mortgage, conveyance, contract or other instrument required by act of congress to be stamped, has affixed to it the stamps required by law, be the same more or less, said record shall be *prima facie* evidence that said deed or other instrument had affixed to it the number and denomination of stamps so required.

Duty of register.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of register of deeds to state upon the record the number and denomination of the stamps affixed to all papers recorded in his office.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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