

## CHAPTER 43.

[Published April 12, 1866.]

AN ACT for the protection of employees and subcontractors, in certain cases.

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

Lien for labor of employees and subcontractors.

SECTION 1. That any person or persons, party or parties, as employee, or subcontractor or subcontractors, having any claim or claims against any contractor or contractors, under and with the commissioners named in chapter 478 of the general laws of 1864, entitled "an act to accept the grant of lands made to the state of Wisconsin, by the United States, to aid in the construction of a military road from Fort Howard, Green Bay, to the Michigan state line," approved April 4, 1864, for work, labor, materials or money bestowed, furnished and expended under any contract or contracts with subcontractor or contractors, in the construction of any portion of the road mentioned in section two of said act, such employee or employees, subcontractor or subcontractors, shall have a lien or liens upon the lands of said contractor or contractors, conveyed to him or them by the state, under the provisions of said act, for the whole amount of such claim or claims, which may be made, collected and enforced in the way and manner provided by chapter 153 of the revised statutes, entitled "of the liens of mechanics and others," and of the acts amendatory thereof.

Filing claims with governor, patent to lands, &c.

SECTION 2. That whenever any person or party, as subcontractor or subcontractors, or otherwise, has, have or shall have completed any portion of the road mentioned in said chapter 478, and the same has or shall have been accepted or approved by a majority of the commissioners named in said act, such subcontractor, subcontractors or other person or party shall have a lien upon all the lands to which the said contractor or contractors under and with the said commissioners shall be entitled to receive patents from the state, and may file in the office of the governor of the state a notice of the claim of such lien, together with a statement of the amount and character of the said

claim, duly verified by the oath of the person or party, or his or their agent or attorney, that such claim is justly due.

SECTION 3. That whenever the governor is called <sup>Duty of govern-  
or.</sup> upon, under the provisions of said chapter 478, to convey lands due to any contractor or contractors, by the terms and conditions of any contract or contracts with and under the said commissioners, it shall be and it is hereby made the duty of the governor to withhold all conveyances or patents of such lands from said contractor or contractors, or assignees, until the amount of all claims of which notice has been filed in his office as aforesaid, by subcontractor or subcontractors, or others, shall have been fully paid and satisfied, or until notice by either party, duly given, that final judgment or judgments has or have been rendered in the action or actions brought to enforce the collection of such claim or claims, as herein in this act provided and authorized, which shall become a lien by operation of law, when the lands are so conveyed.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this act shall be construed to apply only to subcontractor or subcontractors or other persons or party performing labor or furnishing materials in the construction of said road, or any part thereof, or to the contractor or contractors under and with the commissioners mentioned in section one of this act. <sup>Application.</sup>

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 4, 1866.

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## CHAPTER 44.

[Published April 12 1866.]

AN ACT to limit the number of officers and employees of the legislature.

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

SECTION 1. The officers and employees of the legis- <sup>Officers and em-  
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senate.</sup> lature shall hereafter be limited as follows: For the