

said tax annually among the several counties of this state, as other state taxes are apportioned by law, and the same shall be levied, collected and paid into the treasury in the same manner as other state taxes.

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

Approved April 6, 1867.

CHAPTER 83.

[Published April 9, 1867.]

AN ACT regulating the hours of manual labor, and fixing the same at eight hours a day.

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

Eight hours a days' work for children under 18 and women in manufactories, &c.

Penalty.

SECTION 1. That in all manufactories, workshops and other places used for mechanical or manufacturing purposes in the state of Wisconsin, where children under the age of eighteen (18) years and women are employed, the time of labor of the persons aforesaid shall not exceed eight (8) hours per each day; and any stockholder, overseer, employer, clerk or foreman who shall compel any woman or any child under 18 years of age to labor in any day exceeding eight hours, or who shall permit any child under fourteen (14) years of age to labor in any factory, workshop or other place used for mechanical or manufacturing purposes, for more than ten (10) hours in any one day, where such owner, stockholder, or overseer, employer, clerk or foreman has control of such person, shall be liable to a prosecution in the name of the state of Wisconsin, before any justice of the peace or other court of competent jurisdiction of the county wherein the offense shall have been committed, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than five (5) nor more than fifty (50) dollars.

Eight hours a days' work, except in cases of contracts by the week, month or year.

SECTION 2. That in all engagements to labor in any mechanical or manufacturing business, when the contract is silent on the subject, or where there is no express contract to the contrary, a day's work shall consist

of eight (8) hours, and all engagements, contracts or agreements for labor in such cases, shall be so construed: *provided*, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to any contract for labor by the week, month or year.

SECTION 3. That whenever a fine shall be collected in accordance with the first section of this act, the same shall be paid over to the supervisors of the county wherein the trial may be had, and the same shall be disbursed by them for the benefit of common schools.

Fines to be disbursed for benefit of common schools.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 4th, 1867.

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CHAPTER 84.

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AN ACT relating to the adjournment of terms of the circuit courts.

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

SECTION 1. The several circuit judges of this state are hereby authorized to adjourn any term of the circuit court in any county to a day beyond the time appointed by law for holding a term of such court in some other county in the same circuit, and at the time appointed therefor, to proceed with the business of the term so adjourned, in the same manner and with like force and effect as though no term had so intervened in another county.

Adjournments.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 6, 1867.