

## CHAPTER 79.

[Published March 17, 1871.]

AN ACT authorizing county boards of supervisors to appoint land inspectors, and to define their duties, and the duties of the clerks of the boards of supervisors and assessors.

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

SECTION 1. The county board of supervisors of the counties of Clark, Eau Claire, Wood, Marathon, Portage, Dunn, Barron, Polk, Burnett, Douglas, Bayfield and Ashland may appoint such number of persons in their respective counties as they may deem necessary, who shall be called land inspectors ; such appointment shall be in the following form, to wit :

May appoint land inspectors.

To \_\_\_\_\_

You are hereby appointed land inspector, and are hereby required to forthwith examine all the lands in township —, range —, (such townships or sections as the board of supervisors may think necessary to have examined), and report the same according to the provisions of chapter —, laws of 1871.

Form of appointment.

Dated, \_\_\_\_\_.

C. D., *Chairman of Board.*

Attest : E. F., *Clerk of Board.*

SECTION 2. Each inspector shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, take and subscribe an oath of office, and file the same with the clerk of the board of supervisors.

Shall take oath.

SECTION 3. Each inspector shall personally examine each and every forty acre tract or other legal subdivision of a section of entered land in the district specified in his appointment, and make a list of such tracts, with a brief description of each tract, which shall be substantially in the following form :

Shall make list, and form of list.

De- scrip- tion.	Section.	Town.	Range.	Timber.	Soil.	Timber cut off.	Amount of Timber.	Distance from.	Remarks.
ne ne	..	..	}	Pine or hard wood, as case may be.	Sandy or good soil, swamp, as case may be.	Cut off, or part- ly cut, as case may be.	100,000 ft. board measure, as case may be.	Logging stream, 1, 2 or 3 miles, as case may be.	Burnt over, or windfall.
Lot-No.	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Shall attach af-  
fidavit to list.

SECTION 4. Each inspector shall attach to such list an affidavit, by him subscribed and sworn to before some person authorized to administer oaths, stating that he has personally examined each tract of land in the annexed list, and that the description set opposite each tract is substantially a true description of the same, to the best of his judgment and belief.

Penalty for mis-  
representation.

SECTION 5. Any inspector who shall wilfully and knowingly represent in said list that the timber has been cut off any tract of land in said list, when the pine timber has not been cut from said land, or shall report that the same is timbered land, when the same is not, or shall in any other way falsely misrepresent the true state and description of said land, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars, nor less than fifty dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not more than three months nor less than one month.

List to be filed  
with county  
clerk.

SECTION 6. Each inspector shall file said list, with the affidavit attached thereto, with the clerk of the board of supervisors.

To be printed.

SECTION 7. Upon the receipt of such list by the clerk of the board of supervisors, he shall cause to be printed such number of copies thereof as the county board of supervisors may direct, for the use of the county, and cause the same to be published in some newspaper published in said county if said board shall so direct.

Shall send cer-  
tified copies to  
assessors.

SECTION 8. The clerk of the board of supervisors shall on or before the first day of June after such lists

are filed, send one or more certified copies of such printed lists, with a notice calling the attention of the assessors to this act, to each of the assessors and town clerks in his county.

SECTION 9. Every assessor receiving such list shall carefully examine the same, and if he shall find any description of land therein, lying in the town of which he is assessor, may when making out the assessment roll for such town, assess the value thereof at such valuation as he may deem just, without making a personal examination of such land: *provided*, that all lands described in such list as having the timber cut off or being worthless, shall be assessed at a nominal value, unless the assessor of his own knowledge or from reliable information shall know or learn to the contrary.

Duty of assessor.

SECTION 10. Every assessor who shall know or shall be reliably informed that the pine timber has been cut off of any tract of land in his town, shall, in assessing such land, affix a nominal value thereto.

Shall affix nominal value.

SECTION 11. Any person owning a tract of land from which the principal part of the timber has been cut, rendering such lands of but little value, may make an affidavit of that fact, and shall also set forth the quality of the land, and file the same with the assessor of the town in which such tract of land lies; and such assessor shall, if satisfied of the truth of such affidavit, assess such tract as other lands are assessed from which the timber has been cut.

Owner of land may make affidavit.

SECTION 12. The county board of supervisors may allow the inspectors a reasonable compensation for their services, not exceeding — per day, to be paid out of the county treasury.

Compensation of inspectors.

SECTION 13. Every assessor shall pass over to his successor, all of the above described lists and affidavits which he may receive from the clerk of the board of supervisors.

Shall pass over lists.

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 14, 1871.