

CHAPTER 290.

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AN ACT to codify and revise the laws relating to the public printing; and the publication and distribution of statutes and other public documents.

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

SECTION 1. The governor, secretary of state and attorney-general are hereby constituted a board of commissioners for letting contracts for the public printing, as hereafter provided. Board of commissioners.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of said board, immediately after the first day of June, 1874, and biennially thereafter, to advertise in ten different newspapers in different sections of the state, for the term of six weeks, for sealed proposals for doing, at the seat of government, all printing and binding authorized or required by the legislature for its use, or for the use of the state in all the several departments thereof, including all blanks, blank books, circulars and every other kind of printing or binding, for the office of the executive, school land commissioners, secretary of state, treasurer, attorney-general, superintendent of public instruction, supreme court, military, and every other department of state, or in any manner pertaining to them, or any of them, or for any other purpose when duly authorized by law, and all printing or binding of whatsoever kind or description, for which the state may be liable to pay. They shall advertise biennially for bids for public printing.

SECTION 3. The advertisement mentioned in the preceding section shall contain the maximum list of prices established by law, the necessary forms for bids, the certificate of the state treasurer and written agreement, and the guaranty mentioned in section seven of this act, the time when and the place where the bids will be opened, and all other information which they may deem necessary. Shall contain list of maximum prices.

SECTION 4. The following prices for printing and binding, and furnishing materials to be used in the public printing of this state, are hereby established as maximum prices for doing said work and furnishing said materials: The maximum prices.

| | COMPOSITION, PER 1,000 EMS. | The schedule. |
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| Plain..... | | \$0 50 |
| Figure work..... | | 75 |
| Rule and figure work..... | | 1 00 |

PRESS WORK.

Per token..... \$0 50

PAPER PER QUIRE.

Book, 24 by 38 inches, weight not less than 50 pounds per
ream 70
Print, 24 by 38 inches, weight not less than 40 pounds per
ream 45
For bill work, fools cap size..... 30
Calendered book paper, weight not less than 50 pounds per
ream 1 00

FOLDING.

Per 100 sections of sixteen pages..... 10

STITCHING, TRIMMING AND COVERING PAMPHLETS.

Per 100 copies..... 1 25

BINDING, PER VOLUME.

In paste board, 16mo or 12mo..... 35
In cloth, 16mo or 12mo..... 45
In sheepskin, 16mo or 12mo..... 80
In calf-skin, 16mo or 12mo..... 1 25
In Turkey morocco, 16mo or 12mo..... 2 25
Flat cap or cap, half-binding, sheep back..... 3 00
Flat cap or cap, Russia ends and bands..... 6 50
Medium or folio post, half-binding, sheep back..... 5 00
Medium or folio post, full sheep..... 10 00
Medium or folio post, Russia ends and bands..... 12 00
Medium or folio post, extra Russia ends and bands..... 14 00
Medium or folio post, full Russia..... 20 00

BLANK BOOKS PER QUIRE, INCLUDING RULING AND PRINTING.

Flat cap, half-binding, sheep back..... 1 25
Flat cap, full sheep..... 1 50
Flat cap, Russia ends and bands..... 2 00
Flat cap, extra Russia ends and bands..... 2 25
Folio post, half-binding, sheep back..... 1 75
Folio post, Russia ends and bands..... 2 00
Medium, half binding, sheep back..... 2 75
Medium, Russia ends and bands..... 3 25
Medium, extra Russia ends and bands..... 3 50
Medium, full Russia..... 4 50
Super royal, Russia ends and bands..... 3 50
Super royal, extra Russia ends and bands..... 3 75
Super royal, full Russia..... 5 00
Paging, extra, per volume..... 1 00
Indexing, extra, per quire..... 25

BLANKS, PER QUIRE.

Note paper..... 75
Letter or fools cap..... 1 00
Flat cap..... 1 25
Folio post..... 1 50
Medium..... 2 25
Bond paper..... 3 00
Ruling, extra..... 10
Stitching and covering, extra, per one hundred copies.... 1 00
Indexing, extra, per copy..... 25
Printing envelopes, labels, etc., in quantities less than 1,000,
per hundred..... 75
Over 1,000, per hundred: .. 50

A token is 240 impressions upon one side of 240 distinct sheets of paper, or 240 impressions on both sides of 120 sheets. What is a token.

SECTION 5. Previous to advertising for proposals for doing the public printing, said commissioners shall provide suitable specimens of the various styles and descriptions of printing and binding now in use in this state, which shall be properly labelled and kept in the office of the secretary of state for the inspection of bidders, and shall at all times be standard criterions for the style in which the work shall be done, as well as for the quality of the materials to be furnished by the contractor. Commissioners shall provide specimens.

SECTION 6. The contract shall be let to the person who shall bid to execute all the printing and binding, and furnish all materials required, as contemplated by section two of this act, at the greatest per centum of discount from the maximum prices established by law, such per centum of discount to be uniform on every item of work or material. In case any labor is performed, or materials furnished, by the public printer, the price of which is not fixed by law, the regular trade prices shall be allowed, after deducting such per centum as, by the provisions of the contract, is to be deducted from such maximum prices. Contract to be let to lowest bidder. When trade prices allowed.

SECTION 7. Every bid for the public printing shall be in writing, sealed, and shall have endorsed thereon the words, "proposals for the state printing," and shall be deposited in the office of the secretary of state. No bid shall be considered by said commissioners unless accompanied by a certificate from the state treasurer showing that the bidder has deposited with him one thousand dollars in money or United States bonds, and a written agreement, executed by such bidder, under seal, to the effect that if such bid be accepted, and after being notified thereof, such bidder shall fail to enter into a contract and execute a bond, as required by this act, within the time prescribed by said commissioners, or if such bidder, after executing such contract and bond, shall fail to comply therewith, then, and in either such case, the said one thousand dollars shall become absolutely forfeited to the state, and shall be no part of the penalty or damages which may be recovered upon such contract and bond. If a bid be rejected, the certificate of the state treasurer and such agreement shall be returned to the bidder, otherwise the same shall be retained until such contract and bond be fully complied with. Every bid shall also, in addition to such certificate and agreement, be accom- How bids shall be made. Must have certificate of deposit. Shall execute written guaranty.

panied by a written guaranty or undertaking, signed by two or more responsible resident freeholders, in the sum of five thousand dollars, who shall justify under oath as to their responsibility, to the effect that they undertake that the bidder will, if his bid be accepted, execute the contract and bond as required by law, within such time as may be prescribed by the commissioners. Such guaranty shall be accompanied by a certificate of a judge of a court of record, or clerk of such court, certifying that he is acquainted with the guarantors, and knows them to be men of property, and able to make good their guaranty.

Guaranty to be certified.

Commissioners to draw up contract.

Bidder to execute bond.

Forfeiture for failure to execute contract and bond.

SECTION 8. Within ten days after the acceptance of a bid, and notification thereof to the bidder, said commissioners shall cause to be drawn up a contract, to be entered into by said commissioners on the part of the state and such bidder, fully setting forth the terms and conditions under which the work to be done and materials furnished, as contemplated by this act, shall be executed. Such bidder shall, also, at the same time, execute a bond to the state of Wisconsin, in the penal sum of thirty thousand dollars, with not less than two sureties, who shall be resident freeholders of this state, and who shall justify under oath, that they are worth, over and above all debts and property exempt from execution, an amount equal to the amount named in such bond, conditioned for the faithful performance of all duties required of him by law, and by the terms and conditions of his contract; which bond shall be approved by said commissioners, and shall, together with the contract and all other papers relating thereto, be deposited and safely kept in the office of the secretary of state.

SECTION 9. In case the successful bidder shall fail to enter into contract and execute a bond as required by this act, the one thousand dollars deposited by him with the state treasurer shall be forfeited, and shall at once become the absolute property of the state, and there shall also be forfeited to the state the sum of five thousand dollars, the amount of the penalty of the guaranty or undertaking mentioned in section seven of this act, or, if such bidder or contractor, after such contract and bond are executed, and the work is entered upon under the same, shall, at any time during the term of said contract, refuse or neglect to comply with the provisions of this act relating to the public printing, or the terms and conditions of his contract, he shall, in addition to the one thousand dollars deposited with the state treasurer, forfeit also the

sum of thirty thousand dollars, the penalty of the bond referred to in section eight of this act, and such contractor shall further be liable to the state in damages to the amount of the difference between the cost of the public printing under his contract and the cost of the same under any subsequent contract or contracts made by the commissioners pursuant to the provisions of this act, for the execution of such printing during the remainder of the term of contract of the party so failing. It shall be the duty of said commissioners, in all cases of forfeitures mentioned in this section, to commence and prosecute to final judgment, an action for the recovery thereof, together with the damages and costs, which, when collected, shall be paid into the state treasury.

Shall prosecute on bond.

SECTION 10. If the successful bidder shall fail to enter into contract and execute the bond required by section eight of this act, said commissioners shall proceed to let the contract to the next best bidder, unless in their opinion the best interests of the state require that new proposals shall be received; in which case, they shall immediately proceed to advertise for new proposals, in the manner prescribed by this act. In case the contractor shall refuse or neglect to execute the work according to law, and the terms of his contract, said commissioners shall declare his contract void and his bond forfeited, and shall proceed forthwith to re-let the public printing in the same manner and under the same restrictions as provided by this act for letting the same in the first instance. Whenever the contract for doing the public printing shall for any reason become void, it shall be the duty of said commissioner to procure all necessary printing and binding to be done, at the seat of government, at the lowest possible terms, until the same may be re-let as provided by law.

If bidder fail, contract to be let to next lowest bidder.

When contract may be declared void, and re-let.

SECTION 11. The printing of the two houses of the legislature shall be subject to the order and direction of the two houses thereof, and the printing of the several state departments shall be subject to the order of the respective officers thereof. All orders for printing or binding for the use of any department, or for any purpose whatsoever, except that ordered by the legislature for its use, or that required by law to be done each year, shall be made through the secretary of state. And in no event shall any work ordered be given to, or executed by any one else than the state printer; neither shall any order be given for any work not absolutely needed for the use and convenience, and

By whom printing to be ordered.

All work must be done by state printer.

in quantities within the actual requirements of the department making the same.

No extra numbers to be printed.

SECTION 12. No extra number of laws, journals, reports or other documents shall be published except by authority of law; nor shall an extra number of copies of any public document, not provided for by law, be published for the use of the legislature, unless the same shall be authorized by joint resolution of the senate and assembly.

Chief clerks to furnish copy to public printer.

SECTION 13. The chief clerk of the house where any joint resolution ordering printing, or any bill has been introduced, shall deliver to the public printer a copy of every such document or other matter ordered printed, by the two houses of the legislature, on the same day such orders are made, and the same shall be printed with the least possible delay; and the chief clerk of each house shall, within ten days after the close of each session, furnish to such printer a correct copy of the journals of their respective houses, together with a copy of all reports made to the same.

How the session laws are to be printed and designated.

SECTION 14. The laws passed at each and every session of the legislature from and after the passage of this act, shall be printed on good book paper, of medium octavo size, on neat small pica type, and shall be designated under one general name of "the laws of Wisconsin," and shall be numbered by the secretary of state in consecutive chapters, as they are received from the governor, without reference to the subject matter of said laws, and shall be printed and bound in one volume, except when the number of pages shall exceed twelve hundred, in which case they shall be bound in two volumes, as nearly equal in size as may be; each volume to be indexed separately, and to be entitled volume one and volume two respectively. Each act, as it is printed, shall be compared by the secretary of state with the original enrolled act, and at the end of the volume or volumes the said secretary of state shall annex his certificate, certifying that he has compared the printed copy with the original enrolled act, and that it appears to be correctly printed.

Shall be compared by secretary of state.

How journals, reports and documents shall be printed.

SECTION 15. The journals of the senate and assembly, and the volume of the message and documents, and all reports and memorials or other public documents required to be printed in pamphlet form by any statute, or by the legislature or any branch thereof, shall be printed on book paper, of medium octavo size, on long primer type, and in as compact order as may be consistent with good workmanship, without unnecessary blank or broken pages. When any of such docu-

ments are covered in paper, the title shall be printed on such cover only; but when the same or any number thereof shall be ordered bound in any other style, all such documents shall contain a title page. The volume of message and documents shall contain no matter which is required to be inserted in the laws or journals; and all such documents as are required to be inserted in such volume, shall follow each other in as compact order as is consistent with good workmanship, without unnecessary blank or broken pages, the printer merely designating, at the head of the first page of each pamphlet, the number and character thereof, with a table of contents in front of the volume, giving the title and number of each document embraced therein. When the number of pages shall exceed twelve hundred, the secretary of state may order the same bound in two volumes, as nearly equal in size as may be, to be numbered volume one and two.

What volume of message and documents to contain.

SECTION 16. All bills, resolutions and memorials printed in bill form for the use of the legislature shall be printed on foolscap paper, on small pica type, each page, except the first or title page, containing not less than twenty-five lines, of the usual length, with at least a pica blank between the lines. No greater space shall be left at the head of the first, or title page, than is required to designate the number and title of the bill, the name of the person or committee introducing the same, the day of the month and year when introduced, the house in which it shall have originated, and any other matter which shall precede the body of the bill.

How bills, resolutions and memorials shall be printed.

SECTION 17. The journals of the senate and assembly, or "daily slips," printed for the use of the legislature while in session, shall be printed in pamphlet form, on good printing paper, of medium octavo size, and folded, without being stitched. The subject matter to be printed in such journals shall correspond in style, as nearly as may be, to the journals of the United States congress. Such journals, together with the work mentioned in the preceding section, shall be delivered to the sergeant-at-arms of each house of the legislature, to be carefully counted, weighed and receipted for by them. Such receipts shall be made in a suitable book to be provided by the state printer for that purpose.

How "daily slips" to be printed.

SECTION 18. Every act of general application and all acts affecting counties, towns, cities, villages and school districts, public roads, highways and bridges, and the taxes to be raised therein or therefor, and all acts for the preservation of fish or of game, shall, be.

What acts shall be published in official state paper.

Private acts not to be published.

fore they shall take effect, be published in the official state paper, and such publication shall be made immediately after the passage and approval of the said acts; the said publication to be under the direction and supervision of the secretary of state. All acts affecting only individuals, private corporations and societies, shall take effect without such publication, unless it shall be especially provided in such acts that they shall be published before they shall take effect, and their publication in the official paper, in such case, shall be specially ordered.

Secretary shall furnish copies of all laws to be published.

SECTION 19. The secretary of state shall furnish for the official state paper, copies of all laws required to be published, immediately after their passage, and at the close of every session of the legislature, he shall also furnish for the state printer, copies of all the laws passed at said session, with an index and marginal or head notes thereto attached, together with all the joint resolutions and memorials approved by the governor, and the said state printer shall print the said laws, resolutions and memorials with all possible despatch, but in the publication and printing of the said laws, resolutions and memorials, the signatures of the officers affixed to the enrolled act, resolution or memorial, shall be omitted, and the date of approval only shall be affixed thereto.

Size of printed pages fixed.

SECTION 20. The laws and journals, messages of the governor, reports of state officers and commissioners of school and university lands, reports of committees of the legislature, and all other documents required by the legislature, or any department of the state, or any other document, the printing of which shall be authorized by law, to be hereafter printed, shall be of uniform size, and every full page of printed matter shall be of the width of four inches and of the length of seven and a quarter inches, so as to admit of their being bound together in a compact form.

Publication of "copy laws."

SECTION 21. All publishers of weekly newspapers who shall publish in their respective newspapers all of the public acts of general interest, passed at each session of the legislature, which shall be designated by the secretary of state, in the official state paper, as "copy" laws, shall be allowed sixty dollars for such publication, upon filling satisfactory evidence, by affidavit, with the secretary of state, that the same have been published, as provided in this section, for which amount the secretary of state shall draw a warrant upon the general fund of the state treasury in favor of each of such publishers.

SECTION 22. The secretary of state, immediately after the publication in the state paper of any of the class of local laws referred to in section eighteen of this act, which are required to be published in the official state paper, shall furnish a copy thereof to the publisher of the newspaper published at a place nearest the point to which the subject matter or any such law relates. Where more than one paper is published in the same place, the secretary of state shall select the paper in which such publication shall be made. All such publications shall be made in the English language.

Publication of laws in local papers.

SECTION 23. All accounts for the public printing, and all other work and advertising authorized by this act, shall be audited by the secretary of state; and he shall draw his warrant for the same, which shall be paid by the state treasurer out of the general fund.

By whom all accounts to be audited.

SECTION 24. All such accounts shall be verified by the affidavit of the claimant or his agent; and if the work is done by order of the legislature, or by a general law requiring it to be done each year, such account shall be accompanied by a receipt of the superintendent of public property, certifying that such work is received, counted, examined and found to correspond with such order, or in accordance with the requirements of the law authorizing the same.

How accounts to be verified and certified.

SECTION 25. Accounts for printing, or for any work done pursuant to the provisions of this act, other than that contemplated by the preceding sections, for the use of any department, or for any purpose whatsoever, shall be accompanied by a sample of the work done, and by the receipt of the officer or person for whom the same was ordered, certifying that the work is received and counted, and found to correspond with the order for the same.

Printing to be receipted for, and sample attached.

SECTION 26. All blanks ordered requiring both sides to be printed, shall be audited and paid for by adding to the maximum price for printing one side, sixty per cent. of such maximum price for printing the other side.

Addition for printing both sides.

SECTION 27. For the purpose of estimating paper in executing the printing of any book, pamphlet or daily slip of less than thirty-two and more than sixteen standard pages, the public printer shall be allowed the same as for a full sheet. If sixteen or less such pages, the same shall be counted as half sheets. To determine the number of sheets contained in any book, pamphlet or daily slip of more than thirty-two such pages, the whole number of pages thereof shall be divided by thirty-two, and any remaining fraction of a

How paper to be estimated.

sheet shall be counted as before provided in this section.

How composition to be computed.

SECTION 28. In computing the composition on pamphlets bound in paper covers, and daily slips, every necessary fraction of a page shall be counted as a full page; but no entire blank page shall be counted. In computing the composition on the laws, journals and other volumes requiring title pages, the blank page on the back of the title page, and such other blank pages throughout the volume, as good workmanship requires, shall be counted.

When more than one charge for composition allowed.

SECTION 29. When any document is printed in pamphlet form, the matter of which is to compose a part of the volumes of laws, journals, or volume of "message and documents," but one charge for composition shall be allowed on matter contained in such pamphlet; but should a second order for extra printing of the same matter be made, after the type shall have been distributed on which the first order may have been executed, such matter may be counted as new composition. No charge for composition on the "daily slips," and other matter required to be embraced in the journals and the message and reports, or other documents, which are to be bound together in the volume of "message and documents" shall be allowed, unless it shall be necessary to reimpose the same, in which case ten per cent. of the price of composition on matter embraced therein shall be allowed.

Per cent. for reimposing.

Committee on printing.

SECTION 30. At the commencement of every session of the legislature there shall be appointed by the respective houses a committee, consisting of two members of the senate and three members of the assembly, which shall constitute the committee on printing.

Their powers.

SECTION 31. The committee on printing shall have power to examine all accounts and other papers on file in the office of the secretary of state, and generally to investigate all matters relating to the printing of the state; and they may report to the legislature by bill or joint resolution, as they shall deem proper.

PRINTING PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

Printing of the annual reports.

SECTION 32. Within ten days after the annual reports of the several state departments and state institutions shall have been placed in the hands of the governor, and by him revised as provided by law, he shall deliver them to the public printer, who shall immediately proceed to print three thousand copies of each of said reports, excepting that of the state superintendent, of which there shall be printed eight thousand copies.

Eight hundred copies of each of said reports, together with the annual message of the governor to the legislature first to convene after the delivery of said reports, shall be bound into eight hundred volumes, each containing one of each of said reports and the governor's message, and be delivered to the superintendent of public property within one month after the commencement of the legislature.

SECTION 33. Ten thousand copies of the laws passed at each session of the legislature, including the joint resolutions and memorials, shall be printed and bound by the state printer, on good book paper; five hundred copies to be bound in full sheep, and the remainder in half binding with sheep backs, to be distributed as hereinafter provided. The laws of each session shall be printed and delivered within sixty days after the final adjournment of the session of the legislature at which the same were enacted; and whenever there is or may be an extra session, the laws passed at such extra session shall be printed and bound as distinct and separate volumes, and shall be completed and delivered within thirty days after the adjournment of the same; and for each day's delay in the delivery of said laws, or any of them, after the time fixed for the delivery thereof, the said printer shall forfeit ten dollars per day, to be deducted from his bill for said work in settlement made for the same by the secretary of state.

SECTION 34. There shall be printed on good book paper, and bound in half binding, with sheep backs, by the state printer, six hundred copies of the journals of each house of the legislature, to be distributed as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 35. The supreme court reporter shall, in each year, publish a volume of the decisions of the supreme court, with a brief abstract of the case when necessary, and suitable notes of the points decided in each case. Each of said volumes shall contain at least seven hundred and fifty pages, and be printed and bound in a good, substantial manner and form, and of good material for law books; and the said reporter shall have the copyright of the same. Said reporter shall also cause the plates of all volumes of such reports to be stereotyped, and shall deliver to the state five hundred and fifty copies of each volume hereafter published and stereotyped. There shall be republished from time to time, under the direction and by the approval of the supreme court, all volumes of the reports of the decisions of said court, which shall be out of print, or so nearly so as to make the republication

Number of
copies of laws
to be printed.

When shall be
delivered.

The journals of
the legislature.

Supreme court
reports.

Reporter to
have copy
right, shall
stereotype
plates, shall re-
print.

thereof, in the opinion of the court, advisable; and such republication shall be edited by such person learned in the law, and resident of this state, as shall be selected or approved by said court, and in such manner and with such reduction of the number of volumes to be furnished the state, as said court shall by its order direct, in no case to exceed five hundred and twenty-five copies. The entire cost of such editing shall be paid by such publisher, and the numbering of the present volumes, and the paging, shall be preserved in such new edition. The plates of all such volumes of reports as shall be republished shall be stereotyped, and of the same style and quality, as to paper and binding, as volume 25 of Wisconsin reports.

Cost to be paid
by publisher.

Printing of
State Historical
Society reports.

SECTION 36. Two thousand copies of the reports and collections of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin shall be printed by the state printer once in every two years, commencing in the year 1874. Such reports shall be printed on the best quality of book paper, weighing not less than fifty pounds to the ream, and bound in cloth and properly lettered, for the use of the society in effecting its literary exchanges. The matter for such publication shall be subject to the approval of the governor, secretary of state, and the publication committee of the Historical Society, and no volume of such reports shall contain over 500 pages of printed matter. There shall also be printed by the state printer in the year 1873, (as now provided by law,) fifteen hundred copies of the catalogue of the library of the society, on good book paper, weighing not less than fifty pounds to the ream, to be bound in cloth and properly lettered; and the same number of supplementary catalogues shall be published in pamphlet form, stitched and covered, on same quality of paper, not oftener than every two years thereafter, for the use of the society.

Transactions of
the State Agri-
cultural So-
ciety.

SECTION 37. There shall be printed annually by the state printer on the order of the governor, five thousand copies of the transactions of the Wisconsin State Agricultural Society, together with abstracts of the reports of county agricultural societies, and such other matters pertaining to the industry of the state, as shall be deemed most important: *provided*, that the number of printed pages of said volume of transactions shall not exceed five hundred. Said transactions shall be printed on good book paper, and bound in muslin covers, uniform in style with the previous volumes published.

SECTION 38. There shall be printed annually by the state printer, until the legislature shall otherwise order, two thousand copies of the transactions of the State Horticultural Society, together with abstracts of the reports of other horticultural associations of the state, so far as the same may be furnished, also, such necessary engravings of new fruits, system of pruning, and insects injurious to fruit culture, as shall be necessary to properly illustrate the printed matter, the cost of said engravings not to exceed one hundred and fifty dollars in any one year, and the number of printed pages in any volume so published, shall not exceed two hundred. Said transactions shall be printed on good book paper, and bound in muslin covers, uniform in style with the last volume published.

Transactions of the State Horticultural Society.

SECTION 39. The secretary of state shall, in his discretion, as often as seems necessary, cause to be printed in pamphlet form by the state printer, for distribution to county and town officers, a compilation of the laws for the "assessment and collecton of taxes," or the laws governing "elections and the registry of electors," with such forms and instructions as he shall think proper, to aid such officers in the performance of their duties.

Printing of assessment and election laws.

SECTION 40. The secretary of state is hereby authorized to audit the account of the reporter of the supreme court at the rate of four dollars and fifty cents per volume, for the reports of the decisions of the supreme court, which he is required to furnish the state, upon his furnishing satisfactory proof that the plates of such volumes have been stereotyped. The publisher of any such new edition of the volumes of supreme court reports, upon furnishing to the secretary of state satisfactory proof of the delivery of such volumes, and that the plates thereof have been stereotyped, shall receive from the state the same price per copy authorized to be paid the reporter of the supreme court for the current volumes of such reports.

Price of supreme court reports.

DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

SECTION 41. All public documents provided for in this act shall be delivered to and receipted for by the superintendent of public property, who shall be the custodian thereof, and distribute the same in the manner provided by law, keeping such records as shall be necessary to show the number, date, and to whom such documents were delivered. All provisions of law requiring such documents to be delivered to and distrib-

How public documents to be distributed.

uted by the secretary of state, shall hereafter be construed to refer to the superintendent of public property.

Congressional and state libraries to be furnished.

SECTION 42. There shall be annually forwarded to Washington for the use of the congressional library, two volumes of the laws, supreme court reports, legislative journals, reports of departments, and other documents published by authority of the state; also one copy of each of such publication shall be forwarded to the several states and territories which practice like comity with the state of Wisconsin.

State institutions and state officers.

SECTION 43. There shall be delivered to the several state institutions, State University and Normal schools, and also to each college, incorporated academy and literary institution of this state, having a library of three hundred volumes, upon application being made therefor, one copy each of all documents published by state authority; said documents to be delivered to any person authorized by the president or principal of said institutions to receive them. The several state officers shall be furnished at all times with such documents belonging to the state as may be necessary or convenient for the business of their respective offices.

Shall deposit copies with State Library and State Historical Society.

SECTION 44. Twenty-five copies of every public document published by state authority, or purchased for the use of the state, in quantities exceeding one hundred copies, excepting the Legislative Manual, shall be deposited in the state library for the use thereof; and as often as necessary, such number of additional copies of such documents as remain on hand may be furnished the state library, as shall be required to keep the original deposit complete. Thirty bound copies of each of the several publications of this state shall be delivered to the State Historical Society for the purpose of effecting exchanges with other societies and literary institutions.

Reports for the legislature.

SECTION 45. Twelve hundred copies of each of the annual reports of the state departments, and state institutions shall be delivered to the legislature for the use of the members, at the commencement of the ensuing session after the delivery of said reports, and the remainder shall be delivered to the department or institution making the same.

Distribution of message and documents.

SECTION 46. One hundred and fifty copies of the governor's message and accompanying documents shall be delivered to the legislature first to convene after the delivery of said reports, and the remainder shall be retained for distribution as required by law, or directed by subsequent legislatures.

SECTION 47. One copy each of the journals of the ^{of the journals.} senate and assembly shall be delivered to each member of the legislature to which such journals relate.

SECTION 48. The laws passed at each session of the ^{of the laws.} legislature shall, immediately after their publication in volumes, be disposed of as follows:

1st. To each state officer, justices of the supreme court, judges of the United States courts, judges of circuit, county and municipal courts, in this state, and the clerks of said courts, the district attorneys of the United States and this state, the secretary of state of the United States, one copy each.

2d. To the governor of each state and territory of ^{To governors.} the United States, free of expense (if such courtesy be reciprocated), two copies, accompanied with a request that a similar contribution be made to the governor of this state, of the laws of the respective states and territories.

3d. To the register of deeds to each county, a sufficient number of copies of the laws, to be distributed ^{To registers of deeds,} by him to each of the following officers in his county, allowing one for each, viz: Members of the legislature, county clerk, county treasurer, sheriff, coroner, county superintendent of schools, county superintendent of poor, and chairman of the board of supervisors, justices of the peace, and town clerks in each town; and said register of deeds shall retain one copy for his office; but no person who shall hold more than one office shall be entitled to more than one copy.

SECTION 49. The superintendent of public property ^{Distribution of revised statutes.} is hereby authorized to furnish copies of the revised statutes to all officers of the several counties of the state who are entitled to receive the laws of the state, upon the following conditions: Every person applying for a copy of the revised statutes shall furnish the certificate of the county clerk of the county in which the person making the application resides, showing that such person is an officer of such county, entitled by law to receive the session laws of the state, and a statement of the person making such application, giving the facts upon which he claims to be entitled to a copy of such statutes, and upon the receipt of the certificate and statement aforesaid, if it shall satisfactorily appear that the person applying has not been furnished with the revised statutes, or that from any cause other than gross negligence, the copy furnished such person or his predecessor has been lost or destroyed, a copy shall be furnished him without cost to the state.

How copy of laws to be stamped and handed over to successor.

SECTION 50. The copy of the laws delivered to any person, on account of any office held by him, shall have stamped or written thereon the name of the office held by such person, and he shall, when he ceases to hold such office, deliver over to his successor in office all laws received by him as such officer, and take the receipt of his successor therefor, and deposit such receipt, if a town officer, with the town clerk, and if a county officer, with the register of deeds; and any person who shall neglect or refuse to deliver over to his successor in office all laws received by him as aforesaid, shall be liable to such successor, in an action of replevin for the same, or for money had and received to the full amount it shall or would cost him to furnish himself with such laws, and costs of suit, which action shall, on request, be brought and prosecuted by the district attorney of the county; but no person, while he continues to hold any office which would entitle him to such laws, shall be required to return the same as aforesaid.

Registers of deeds to furnish statement, and superintendent of public property to distribute laws.

SECTION 51. The register of deeds in each county, within one month after the adjournment of the legislature in each year, shall forward to the superintendent of public property a statement of the number of officers in his county entitled by law to a copy of the laws of the preceding legislature, and as soon as the same are ready for distribution, the superintendent of public property shall forward to each register, properly packed in boxes, the number of copies of laws required by such statement, including one copy each of the journals of the preceding session, and the message and documents, for each member of the legislature residing in the county, and take a receipt therefor. All expenses for transporting such documents to any county as provided in this section shall be paid out of the county treasury, and it shall be the duty of the register of deeds of each county to deliver such documents to the persons entitled to receive them, and not dispose of them in any other manner.

Shall keep remaining copies for sale.

SECTION 52. The revised statutes, session laws, journals and documents remaining after the distribution provided for by law, shall be safely kept for the use of new counties and towns, as they shall become entitled to receive the same, but the superintendent of public property may sell to any person being a citizen of this state, a copy of each publication printed by the state printer, at the cost price thereof, to be computed by the secretary of state. And it shall be the duty of the superintendent of public property to keep an accurate

account of such sales, and to pay the amount realized therefrom into the state treasury at the end of each quarter.

SECTION 53. The volumes of supreme court reports remaining on hand after the distribution provided for in this chapter shall be delivered to the state librarian, for him to dispose of as provided by law.

Supreme Court reports—where deposited.

SECTION 54. The reports of the transactions of the State Historical Society shall be delivered to the secretary of said society.

Transactions of State Historical Society.

SECTION 55. The transactions of the State Agricultural Society shall be distributed as follows: One thousand copies to the legislature; one hundred copies to the State Historical Society; one hundred copies to the Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters; fifty copies to the State Horticultural Society; fifty copies to each district industrial organization embracing two or more counties, and furnishing the State Agricultural Society a report of its proceedings; twenty-five copies to each County Agricultural Society, and the remainder to the State Agricultural Society.

Of State Agricultural Society.

SECTION 56. The transactions of the State Horticultural Society shall be distributed as follows: Three copies to each member of the legislature; fifty copies to each county or town horticultural society who shall report its organization, with officers elect, and number of members, with an abstract of its proceedings for publication in said volume, to the secretary of the State Horticultural Society; fifteen copies to each county agricultural society; twenty-five copies to the State Agricultural Society; twenty-five copies to the State Historical Society; fifty copies to the State University, and the remainder to the State Horticultural Society.

Of State Horticultural Society.

SECTION 57. In the distribution of books or other packages, when such distribution is directed by law, if such packages are too large, or would cost too much to send by mail, they shall be sent by express, and the accounts for such express charges properly certified to, shall be audited by the secretary of state, and paid from the general fund.

How books to be sent.

SECTION 58. There is hereby annually appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum sufficient to meet the expenditures authorized by this act.

Annual appropriation.

SECTION 59. Chapter six of the revised statutes, chapter three hundred and fifteen of the general laws of 1860, chapter one hundred and eighty-two of the general laws of 1865, chapter sixty of the general laws of

Acts repealed.

1870, and all acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 60. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 19, 1873.

CHAPTER 291.

[Published March 24, 1873.]

AN ACT to amend chapter one hundred and nineteen of the general laws of 1872, entitled "an act in relation to railroads and the organization of railroad companies."

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

Amended—may acquire property for depots and stations.

SECTION 1. The third subdivision of section eleven of chapter one hundred and nineteen of the general laws of 1872, entitled "an act in relation to railroads and the organization of railroad companies," is hereby amended so as to read as follows: 3d. To acquire under the provisions of this act or by purchase, all such real estate and other property as may be necessary for the construction, maintaining and operating its said railroad and the stations, depot grounds and other accommodations for accomplishing the object of its incorporation; to hold and use the same, and to sell, lease or otherwise dispose thereof, or any part or parcel thereof when the same shall be no longer necessary for its use.

Amended—petition for appointment of commissioners.

SECTION 2. Section fourteen of said chapter one hundred and nineteen is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "Section 14. For the purpose of acquiring such title, the said company may file a petition praying for the appointment of commissioners of appraisal by the circuit court or the judge thereof, of the county in which the real estate described in the petition is situated, which petition must be signed and verified by the attorney or some other authorized officer of the company. If such real estate is desired for station or building grounds or yards for said company, and not for a part of its main track, such petition shall state that the company is duly incorporated, a description of the real estate sought to be acquired, that the same is required for the purpose of operating such road, and

What petition shall state, if for stations.