

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

Approved February 20, 1879.

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CHAPTER 43.

AN ACT altering the time of holding the September term of the Grant county circuit court.

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

SECTION 1. The term of the circuit court of Grant county, held in the month of September, shall hereafter be begun on the first Tuesday of September. Terms of court.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 44.

AN ACT to enable Douglas county to compromise the litigation concerning its outstanding bonds, and to use a portion of the same to accomplish the purpose for which they were issued.

WHEREAS, the county of Douglas in 1872 issued to the Superior and St. Croix railroad company, three hundred and fifty bonds of said county, of one thousand dollars each, to aid in the construction of a railroad in said county; and, whereas, subsequently seventy-five of said bonds were delivered to the firm of Walbridge Bros. & Sargeant, contractors, to construct said railroad, and two hundred and seventy-five of said bonds were placed in the hands of the First National bank of Madison, Wisconsin, as trustee, to hold the same on certain conditions; and, whereas, a protracted litigation has been going on in the courts between said county of Douglas and said firm of Walbridge Bros. & Sargeant and other parties, defendants, in relation to the title and ownership of said bonds, which litigation is about to be mutually arranged and compromised upon such basis that said two hundred and seventy-five of said bonds are to be returned to said county to be canceled; but Preamble.

that such compromise depends upon obtaining authority from the legislature to use fifty of said seventy-five bonds delivered to said firm, for the purpose of aiding in the construction of a railroad in said county hereafter; now, therefore,

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

Proposition to
be submitted to
popular vote.

SECTION 1. Upon the depositing by the said firm of Walbridge Bros. & Sargeant, with the present chairman of the board of supervisors of said county as trustee, within forty days from the taking effect of this act, of said fifty bonds, with all the coupons attached thereto when they went into the hands of said firm, it shall be the duty of said board of supervisors, as early as they may deem expedient, and within the present year, to submit to the qualified voters of said county a proposition, in substance as follows: That said fifty bonds shall be delivered by said trustee to such railroad company as shall, on or before a day to be named in said proposition, not less than two nor more than three years from the passage of this act, have completed and made ready for use a railroad within the county of Douglas, from the bay of Superior to the Minnesota state line, either on or near the line located by the Superior and St. Croix railroad company, equal in quality to the Northern Pacific railroad at the time of its construction, and a like road from said state line to connect with the Northern Pacific railroad in Carlton county, Minnesota, in exchange for a like amount of the stock of such company; such bonds not to be delivered until such road is completed and cars running thereon, adequate for the demands of business on the road; all the coupons of said bonds falling due prior to such delivery to be cut off by said trustees, and cancelled in the presence of the said board.

Duty of county
clerk.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the county clerk of said county, upon the order and direction of the county board, to cause to be published in a newspaper published in said county, if there be one, and to post up in at least three public places in said county, a notice that a special election will be held in said county, at the usual place of holding elections, upon a day to be mentioned in said notice, not less than fifteen days after the posting of said notices, and publication, if there be one; at which election the qualified electors shall vote upon the proposition mentioned in the pre-

ceding section, which proposition shall be substantially set forth in said notice. Votes cast at such election in favor of such proposition shall be by ballot, with the words "For using bonds for railroad." Votes against such proposition shall be by ballot, with the words "Against using bonds for railroad," written or printed thereon. Form of ballot.

SECTION 3. Such election shall be conducted and the result thereof canvassed, certified and published in like manner as is provided by law in the case of a special election for the election of a county officer, so far as such provisions may be applicable. Manner of election.

SECTION 4. If a majority of the votes at such election shall be cast in favor of such proposition, it shall be the duty of the trustee having custody of said fifty bonds to safely keep the same and to deliver them, less the coupons required to be cut off, to the railroad company which may be entitled thereto by compliance with the provisions of the first section of this act, in exchange for a like amount of the stock of such company. Exchange of bonds for stock.

SECTION 5. If a majority of the votes cast at said election shall be against the proposition to use bonds for a railroad, the said trustee shall immediately cancel and destroy said fifty bonds and coupons of the same in the presence of the board of supervisors of said county; and if the majority of the votes shall be in favor of said proposition, and no company shall become entitled to said bonds by a compliance with the provisions of this act, then the said trustee shall cancel and destroy the said bonds and coupons in like manner. Duty of trustee.

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CHAPTER 45.

AN ACT to amend section three hundred and fifty-six of chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes, relating to the distribution of public documents.

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

SECTION 1. Section three hundred and fifty-six of chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 356. Said superintendent is authorized to furnish copies of the Distribution of revised statutes