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CHAPTER 280.

AN ACT relating to the coat of arms of the state of Wisconsin, and providing for the purchase of a great seal of the state.

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

SECTION 1. The coat of arms of the state of Wisconsin is hereby declared to be as follows, viz: Coat of arms of state.

ARMS.—Or, quartered, the quarters bearing respectively a plow, a crossed shovel and pick, an arm and held hammer, and an anchor, all proper; the base of shield resting upon a horn of plenty and pyramid of pig lead, all proper; over all, on fesse point, the arms and motto of the United States, viz.: *Arms*, palewise of thirteen pieces argent and gules; a chief azure; *motto* (on garter surrounding inescutcheon), "E pluribus unum."

CREST.—A badger, passant, proper.

SUPPORTERS.—Dexter, a sailor holding a coil of rope, proper; sinister, a yeoman resting on a pick, proper.

MOTTO.—Over crest, "Forward."

SECTION 2. The great seal of the state shall consist of a metallic disc, two and three-eighths inches in diameter, containing, within an ornamental border, the following devices and legend, viz: The coat of arms of the state, as in this act described; above the arms, in a line parallel with the border, the words, "Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin;" in the exergue, in a curved line, thirteen stars. Description of great seal.

SECTION 3. As the present great seal of the state has become so worn as to be incapable of making a fair impression, the governor is hereby authorized and directed to procure a new great seal, as hereinbefore described, to be engraved in the best manner, with a suitable press for taking impressions therefrom; and thereafter to cause the great seal now in the keeping of the secretary of state to be defaced by filing two marks at right angles across the face of the same. The great seal now kept by the secretary of state shall continue to be used until the fourth day of July, 1881, and thereafter the new seal, herein provided for, shall be used as the great seal of the state. New great seal authorized.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 1, 1881.