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CHAPTER 258.

AN ACT to authorize railway companies to appoint police officers.

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

Railway companies may appoint police officers.

SECTION 1. Railway companies organized under the laws of this state or doing business within the state, are hereby authorized and empowered at their own expense, to appoint and employ policemen at such stations or other places on the lines of their railroads within this state as said companies may deem necessary for the protection of their property, and the preservation of order on their premises, and in and about their cars, depots, depot grounds, yards, buildings or other structures; and said policemen shall have power and authority to arrest with or without warrant, any person or persons who in his presence shall commit any offense against the laws of this state or the ordinances of any town, city, village or municipality, when such offense shall have been committed upon the premises of said companies or in or about their cars, depots, depot grounds, yards, buildings, or other structures, and shall also have the authority of sheriffs, constables and peace officers in regard to the arrest or apprehension of any such offenders in or about the premises or appurtenances aforesaid; but in case of the arrest by said policemen of any person without warrant, they shall forthwith take such offender before some justice of the peace or other magistrate having jurisdiction, and make complaint against said offender according to law. Every railway company shall be responsible for the acts of all persons so employed by it under this act. Nothing in this act contained shall be construed as restricting the lawful rights, powers or privileges of any sheriff, constable, policeman or peace officer within their respective jurisdictions.

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

Approved April 1, 1887.