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CHAPTER 67.

AN ACT to authorize sheriffs to offer rewards in certain cases.

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

Sheriff may offer reward for apprehension.

SECTION 1. Whenever any person convicted of, or charged with any felony the punishment for which is not less than five years' imprisonment, shall escape, or whenever any such felony shall be committed by any person or persons unknown, the sheriff of the county in which such felony has been committed, or from which such person so escaped, may in his discretion, with the consent of the chairman of the board of supervisors of such county, when the county board is not in session, and with the consent of such county board when the same is in session, offer such reward for the apprehension and delivery of such person, or the apprehension or conviction of the perpetrator of such felony as he may deem necessary, not exceeding the sum of two hundred dollars in any one case; provided, that in no case shall it be lawful for the sheriff, under-sheriff, or any deputy to claim or receive any such reward.

Sheriff to determine who entitled to reward.

SECTION 2. Whenever any such reward shall be claimed, whether by one or more persons, the said sheriff shall determine finally to whom the same shall be paid, and if to more than one person, what portion to each, and shall certify his determination to the county clerk of his county, and the amount so certified, not exceeding the said sum of two hundred dollars, shall be paid out of the county treasury.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 16, 1887.