

No. 619, S.]

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CHAPTER 475.

AN ACT to amend sections 1797—56 and 1797—57 of the statutes, relating to the construction and operation of railroads.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1797—56 of the statutes is amended to read:

Section 1797—56. Every crossing of the track of a steam railroad hereafter made by the track of another steam railroad; and every crossing of the track of an electric or street railway surface road hereafter made * * * by the tracks of a steam railroad and every crossing of the track of a steam railroad or of any other electric or street railway surface road hereafter made * * * by the track of an electric or street railway surface road shall be above, below or at grade of the tracks proposed to be crossed as the railroad commission shall determine after hearing the parties upon reasonable notice prescribed by said commission. In such determination, said railroad commission shall * * * fix the proportion of the expense of originally constructing, operating, and maintaining such crossing, * * * which shall be paid by the owners of said tracks respectively. * * *

SECTION 2. Section 1797—57 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 1797—57. Upon the completion of the construction of any railroad or extension or branch thereof, under the specification as approved by the railroad commission, the said applicant company shall, before operating said railroad, or extension or branch thereof, excepting for construction purposes, and before opening the same to public service, report the same to said commission and said commission shall thereupon inspect and examine said railroad, or extension or branch thereof, or cause the same to be inspected and examined, and if it shall be found that the same has been constructed in accordance with said specification as approved and is otherwise suitable and properly constructed so as to conserve and protect the public safety in the operation thereof, said commission shall grant to said applicant railroad an order authorizing it to operate the same, which order shall be presumptive evidence of the sufficiency of such construction. Said order shall specify in general terms the methods and conditions of such operation and it shall not be lawful for any such railroad or extension or branch

thereof, to be operated till such order has been so granted and obtained. *If upon such inspection and examination the commission shall deem that public safety requires the installation, operation, and maintenance of some suitable protective appliance at any grade crossing of the track or tracks of another steam railroad or of any other electric or street railway surface road by the track or tracks of said railroad or extension or branch thereof, the commission may, before granting said order, after notice and hearing as provided in section 1797—12 order the installation, operation, and maintenance of such suitable protective appliance and by whom to be installed, operated, and maintained, and shall fix the proportion of the expense of constructing, maintaining, and operating such protective appliance which shall be paid by the owners of said tracks respectively.*

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

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No. 584, S.]

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CHAPTER 476.

AN ACT to create paragraph (g) of subsection 2 of section 11—12, and to amend section 66 of the statutes, relating to poll lists at primaries and general elections.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to subsection 2 of section 11—12 of the statutes a new paragraph to read: (Section 11—12. 2.) (g) Each clerk of election shall keep a poll list on which he shall enter the full name and postoffice address of each person voting at the primary, in the order in which their ballots are cast; and on request of the inspectors each elector shall state his full name and postoffice address before his ballot shall be received.

SECTION 2. Section 66 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 66. 1. Each clerk of election shall keep a poll list on which he shall enter the full name *and postoffice address* of each person voting at such election in the order in which their ballots are cast; and on request of the inspectors each elector shall state his full name *and post office address* before the ballot shall be received.

2. When any person shall have taken the oath provided in section 61 before voting, the clerk shall write at the end of such person's name on the poll list the word "sworn."