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CHAPTER 451.

AN ACT to amend subsection 5, of section 2, chapter 316, laws of 1909, authorizing the commission to suitably furnish and decorate the capitol, and improve the capitol park.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Subsection 5, of section 2, chapter 316, of the laws of 1909, is amended to read: (Chapter 316) 5. The commission is authorized to construct all necessary terraces, retaining walls, steps and approaches to the capitol, and to lay out suitable drives and walks in the capitol park, and for the purpose of suitably furnishing and decorating the capitol, the commission is authorized and directed to provide suitable furniture, furnishings and fixtures, *and decorations, paintings and sculpture, according to the plans heretofore adopted.*

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

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CHAPTER 452.

AN ACT to amend section 209 of the statutes, relating to the sale of public lands.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 209 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 209. 1. Sales of all public lands * * * may be made for cash, * * * to be paid at time of sale, *and all state lands valuable for agriculture may be sold on terms, the first payment being not less than fifteen per cent of the purchase price, with interest on the unpaid balance in advance to February first of the following year; provided, that in no case shall the first payment be less than the value of the timber, if any, on lands sold. The balance of the purchase price shall be payable at any time within twenty years after the date of the sale at the option of the purchaser, with interest at the rate of seven per cent per annum, and payable annually in advance on February first of each year.*

2. *The land commissioner shall insert in every contract or certificate of sale of public land a clause providing that the vendee, his heirs, administrators or assigns shall, at the time of*

completion of all payments required under said contract, be entitled to a credit as follows on improvements made:

(1) On contracts of not exceeding one thousand dollars, fifty per cent for each one hundred dollars' worth of improvements made, but in no case shall said credit exceed fifty per cent of the purchase price.

(2) On contracts exceeding one thousand dollars, but not exceeding two thousand dollars, a credit of forty per cent for each one hundred dollars' worth of improvements made, but in no case shall the total credit exceed forty per cent of the purchase price.

(3) On all contracts of more than two thousand dollars, but not exceeding three thousand dollars, a credit of thirty per cent for each one hundred dollars' worth of improvements made, but in no case shall the total credit exceed thirty per cent of the purchase price.

(4) On all contracts of more than three thousand dollars a credit of twenty-five per cent for each one hundred dollars' worth of improvements made, but in no case shall the total credit exceed the sum of nine hundred dollars.

3. The vendee shall file with the land commissioner a notice at least thirty days before the time he desires to make final payment, and the land commissioner shall cause an appraisal of said premises to be made by three disinterested parties for the purpose of ascertaining the actual value of improvements made. Said appraisal shall set forth the kind and value of improvements made.

4. The provisions of this act and the provisions of section 210 of the statutes shall be interpreted to cover the sale of all state lands that may be classed as agricultural lands.

(Am. 1911, c. 664, s. 81.)

5. The land commissioner shall insert in every contract or certificate of sale of public land a clause providing that the vendee, his heirs, administrators or assigns shall pay or cause to be paid all taxes that are or that may be assessed against the land from and after the date of the said contract.

6. Every contract, certificate of sale, or grant hereunder of public lands shall be subject to the continued ownership by the state, of the fee to all lands bordering on any meandered or non-meandered stream, river, pond or lake, navigable in fact for any purpose whatsoever, to the extent of one chain on every side thereof, and shall reserve to the people the right of access to such lands and all rights necessary to the full enjoyment of such waters, and of all minerals in said lands, and all mining rights therein, and shall also be subject to continued ownership by the

state of all water power rights on such lands or in any manner appurtenant thereto. Such conveyance shall also be subject to a continuing easement in the state and its assigns to enter and occupy such lands in any manner necessary and convenient to the removal of such mineral from such lands and to the proper exercise of such mineral rights, and shall be further subject to the continuing easement in the state and its assigns to enter and occupy such lands in any manner necessary and convenient to the development, maintenance and use of any such water rights. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to provide for the continued ownership in the state of any stone used for building purposes nor of any sand or gravel.

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

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CHAPTER 453.

AN ACT to create sections 1021o, 1021p, 1021q and 1021r of the statutes, relating to the investigation and publication of contracts between employer and employe, and making an appropriation therefor.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There are added to the statutes four new sections to read: Section 1021o. Whenever complaint shall be made to the bureau of labor and industrial statistics that any contracts or agreements existing between employers and employes, or any rules imposed by employers upon employes are unjust or unfair, or whenever said bureau shall have reason to believe that such injustice or unfairness exists, said bureau shall have authority to investigate all such contracts, agreements and rules, whether written or understood.

Section 1021p. It shall be the duty of every employer of labor to furnish copies of all contracts or agreements provided for in section 1 of this act upon the demand of any officer, agent or employe of the bureau of labor authorized to investigate said contracts and agreements.

(Am. 1911, c. 664, s. 82.)

Section 1021q. Every person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this act, or refusing to permit the investigation of the contracts or agreements referred to in sections 1 and 2 of this act, or who shall misrepresent any of the