

interest and proceed to investigate the same and to order a hearing thereon in the manner provided by section 196.26; and the commission shall determine what, if anything, shall be done to promote the public safety and the means by which it shall be accomplished, whether by the relocation of the highway, the alteration in such crossing, approaches, mode of crossing, location of highway crossing, closing of highway crossing, with or without the substitution of another therefor, the removal of obstructions to sight at crossing, or by the use of other reasonable methods, and by whom the same shall be made, and in case of new crossings the *advisability of allowing such crossings to be established* and manner of making them.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 420.

AN ACT to amend section 1 of chapter 335 of the laws of 1907, authorizing Wisconsin Valley Improvement company to construct, acquire and maintain a system of water reservoirs located in the tributaries of the Wisconsin river north of the south line of township twenty-three (23) north, for the purpose of producing a uniform flow of water in the Wisconsin river and in said tributaries and thereby improve the navigation and other uses of said streams and diminishing the injury to property, both public and private.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 335 of the laws of 1907 is amended to read: (Laws of 1907, chapter 335) Section 1. Subject to the supervision and control hereinafter provided for, authority is hereby granted unto Wisconsin Valley Improvement company, in order to promote the purposes hereinafter set forth, to create, construct, acquire, maintain and operate a system of water reservoirs located in or along the Wisconsin river at points north of township * * * *thirty-seven (37) north*, and in or along any or all of the direct or indirect tributaries of the Wisconsin river that discharge into said river at any point north of the

south line of township * * * *twenty-three (23) north*, in this state, excepting that part of the Eagle river and lakes lying between the point where Eagle river enters Cranberry lake, in section thirty-one (31) township forty (40) north, of range eleven (11) east, and the Wisconsin river, and for that purpose said grantee may construct, acquire and maintain all such dams, booms, sluiceways, locks and other structures in, along or across any and all of said tributaries, not above excepted, and the said portion of the Wisconsin river, as may be necessary or reasonably convenient to accomplish the purposes of this grant, and may clean out, straighten, deepen or otherwise improve any of said tributaries, in order to improve the navigation thereof and of said Wisconsin river and prevent injury to property bordering on said waters. All franchises, other than corporate franchises, and all riparian rights and rights of flowage, either perfected or inchoate, acquired by purchase or grant, by any person or by any corporation organized to improve the navigation for any purpose, of either of said Wisconsin or Tomahawk rivers or any of their tributaries, not above excepted, shall be and hereby are made assignable to the Wisconsin Valley Improvement company, and shall be of the same force and effect in the possession and ownership of such assignee to accomplish the purposes of this act as the same may be before assignment to accomplish their original purpose. But this act shall not amend or repeal chapter 532 of the laws of 1887, nor chapter 252 of the laws of 1889, nor chapter 483 of the laws of 1905, nor chapter 26 of the laws of 1903, nor any amendment thereof, nor abridge the rights, powers or duties conferred by said acts, nor authorize the taking by the Wisconsin Valley Improvement company, by the power of eminent domain, of any property used under or pursuant to said acts, nor any other property devoted to public uses; except that the dam authorized by and now maintained under said chapter 532 of the laws of 1887 may be raised, or a new dam or dams which are hereby authorized, may be constructed and maintained, in and across the Eagle river between Long and Cranberry lakes at any convenient point or points in townships thirty-nine (39) and forty (40) north, of range eleven (11) east, so as to raise and hold the water in Long Lake aforesaid six inches, and no more, higher than the high water mark to which the water has been customarily raised and held by means of said present dam; provided, however, that between May 1st

and the succeeding November 1st of each year the waters shall not be drawn down in Long Lake more than eighteen (18) inches below said present high water mark as established by said dam now constructed and maintained, and provided further that said Wisconsin Valley Improvement company shall prior to June 1st, 1909, by such dam or dams, and by locks, marine slides or other safe and convenient means, make and thereafter maintain the Eagle river between said Long and Cranberry lakes navigable for the safe and convenient passage of boats of all kinds and sizes up to and including boats fifty feet in length and of twelve foot beam and drawing five feet of water. Said Wisconsin Valley Improvement company shall have the right to charge and collect reasonable and uniform tolls for the passage of boats through and over said works proportioned to the size of the boat, not, however, exceeding in the aggregate the actual cost of the care, maintenance and operation of said locks, marine slides or other means of passage.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 421.

AN ACT to repeal section 194.015 and to amend subsection (6) of section 194.01 of the statutes, relating to auto transportation companies.

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

SECTION 1. Section 194.015 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 2. Subsection (6) of section 194.01 of the statutes is amended to read: (194.01) (6) "Auto transportation company" means every person, firm, corporation or association, their lessees, trustees or receivers, appointed by any court whatsoever, owning, controlling, operating or managing any motor vehicle, *trailer or semitrailer* for compensation as a common carrier upon any public highway between fixed termini or over a regular route on the public highways of this state, and affording a means of local street or highway transportation or interurban transportation * * * accepting and discharging such persons as may offer themselves for transportation, or such freight or property