

CHAPTER 13.

[Published September 27, 1862.]

AN ACT to empower towns, cities, incorporated villages and counties to raise money for the payment of bounties to volunteers.

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

Authority to raise money to pay bounties to volunteers.

SECTION 1. The qualified electors of each town, city, incorporated village, and the county board of supervisors of each county, shall have power, at any legal meeting thereof, to vote to raise such sum or sums of money as they may deem necessary, for the payment of bounties to volunteers, residents of such town, city, incorporated village or county, mustered into the military service of the United States or of this state, and shall also have power to offer such bounties and to determine and fix the amount thereof, to be paid to each of such volunteers; and all such sum or sums of money shall be subject to and paid out on the order of the board of supervisors of each town, and of the proper auditing board of each city, corporated [incorporated] village and county: *provided*, that no greater sum of money shall be voted or raised for the payment of bounty to volunteers by any such county board or electors, than has been pledged to them by such county, town, city or incorporated village, or pledged to persons advancing the money for such purpose; and no moneys contributed voluntarily as bounties to volunteers, shall ever be refunded by any county, city, town or incorporated village.

How money to be paid out.

Limit to amount to be raised.

Voluntary contributions not to be refunded.

Part of money raised may be applied to payment of liabilities incurred for bounties.

SECTION 2. The qualified electors of each town, city and incorporated village, and the county board of supervisors of each county, shall have power, at any legal meeting thereof, to vote to appropriate the whole or any part of any sum or sums of money that heretofore has or have been, or hereafter may be, voted or raised by such town, city, incorporated village or county board of supervisors, under and by virtue of the powers granted in the act entitled "an act to provide for the assistance of volunteers in the service of the United States government," approved May 25th, 1861, to the payment or liquidation of any sum or sums of money which may have been paid, or to the discharge of any

liabilities incurred, by any person or persons, for bounties to volunteers, residents of such town, city, incorporated village or county, mustered into the military service of the United States or of this state.

SECTION 3. The board of supervisors of each town, and the proper and legally constituted auditing board of each city and incorporated village, the qualified electors of which shall have voted to appropriate any sum or sums of money, as in the last preceeding [preceeding] section mentioned, shall have power to audit and allow all claims and demands of all persons for money paid or liabilities incurred for bounties to volunteers, for the payment or discharge of which such appropriation as aforesaid shall have been made, and to draw orders therefor on the treasurer of such town, city or incorporated village, for the payment of all sums so as aforesaid audited and allowed by them: *provided*, such orders shall be made payable only out of the moneys as aforesaid voted or raised by such town, city or incorporated village, under and by virtue of this act: *and provided, further*, that the county board of supervisors of any county which shall have made any appropriation of moneys under and by virtue of the preceeding [preceeding] section, shall have and exercise the same powers to audit and allow claims and demands against the county, and to draw orders on the treasurer of such county therefor, as are herein granted to the auditing boards of towns, cities and incorporated villages; and any such county board of supervisors may direct what amount or proportion of such appropriation shall be assessed and collected in any one year.

SECTION 4. All moneys voted or raised by virtue of the powers granted in this act, shall be assessed, collected and paid into the treasuries of the respective towns, cities, incorporated villages and counties, in the same manner as other taxes for township, city, village and county purposes are by law assessed, collected and paid into such treasuries, and shall be paid out by the treasurers of the respective towns, cities, villages and counties, on the proper orders, as provided in this act.

SECTION 5. A special meeting of the electors of any town, city or incorporated village, may be called by the proper authorities, on the written request of any five electors of such town, city or incorporated village,

on a notice of not less than five nor more than twenty days; such notice to be published as in other cases of special meetings, for the purposes indicated in sections one and two of this act.

Acts legalized.

SECTION 6. All the acts, doings and votes of the electors of any town, city and incorporated village, and of any county board of supervisors, at any lawful meeting of the same, heretofore held, offering and fixing bounties to volunteers mustered into the service of the United States or of this state, or for the raising of money for the payment of such bounties, or for making appropriations of any sum or sums of money raised under and by virtue of the act in the second section of this act mentioned, and any orders, instructions or directions voted or given to the board of supervisors of any town, city or incorporated village, in relation to such bounties, or to such appropriation of moneys, shall be as valid and binding, to all intents and purposes, as if the same had been done, voted and given by virtue of powers granted and authority given under and by virtue of the laws of this state.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 14.

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AN ACT to repeal section four of chapter 80 of the revised statutes, entitled "of agriculture."

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

Repeal.

SECTION 1. Section four of chapter eighty of the revised statutes, is hereby repealed.

Approved Sept. 25, 1862.