

Chap. 59.

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AN ACT to provide for the annual appointment of a joint committee on claims.

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

§ 1. A joint standing committee consisting of three members from the Senate and five from the Assembly to be called "A Committee on Claims" shall be elected or appointed at the commencement of each annual session of the Legislature in such manner as other committees are elected or appointed. Election of Committee.

§ 2. All bills, accounts, or bills appropriating money presented to the Legislature, shall be referred to said committee before being allowed.

§ 3. Such committee shall record in a book kept for that purpose, a brief statement of the nature and amount of all bills, accounts, and bills of appropriation referred to them, together with the disposition made of the same, and when claims are rejected, a statement of reasons for such rejection. Committee to keep a record.

§ 4. The book of record of the Committee on Claims shall at the close of each session of the Legislature be deposited by the chairman of such committee in the office of the Secretary of State, whose duty it shall be to deliver the same to the Committee on Claims of the next succeeding Legislature. The record to be deposited with Sec. of State.

§ 5. Such committee is hereby authorized to employ a clerk when necessary.

§ 6. The chairmen of the committee on claims in Senate and Assembly, are hereby required to deposit in the office of the Secretary of State, the records of accounts kept by them during the present session of the Legislature. Com. on Claims to keep a record.

Approved, March 6, 1857.