

## CHAPTER 152.

[Published April 5, 1872.]

AN ACT to authorize the county boards of supervisors in the several counties of this state to levy a special tax for county road purposes.

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

May levy special road tax and limit of amount.

SECTION 1. The board of supervisors in the several counties of this state are hereby authorized to levy and raise annually, upon the taxable property of said counties, a special county road tax, to be expended in building and repairing [roads] in and through said counties, as hereinafter provided: [*provided,*] that the supervisors shall not levy a greater sum than fifteen thousand dollars in one year.

How taxes to be expended.

SECTION 2. The taxes herein provided to be levied, shall be expended by the county boards of supervisors in grading, graveling, culverting or ditching the roads, or in any way improving the main traveled roads in and through said counties, or any part of said roads that they may designate or adopt as a county road; they shall cause all roads, designated or adopted as county roads, to be kept in good repair so long as the same shall remain under their control.

Shall provide for expenditure of road tax.

SECTION 3. The county board of supervisors, at their annual meeting in each year, shall provide for the expenditure of the county road-tax herein authorized to be levied; they may make contracts, appoint road commissioners, and shall require good and sufficient bonds from all persons so contracted with or appointed by them for the due execution of the same respectively, and shall make such other provisions, as in their judgment shall best secure the faithful execution of the work required by this act.

Shall cause work to be viewed, before acceptance.

SECTION 4. The board of supervisors, before they accept or allow any contract for work done under the provisions of this act, shall cause the same to be viewed by a committee of three; one of said committee shall be the supervisor of the district or town in which the work is done, and upon their acceptance of the work and labor so done, shall audit and allow the account therefor.

SECTION 5. The county board of supervisors may cause any county road built and completed by the county, or any part of said road, to revert back to the town, city or incorporated village in which the same is situated, by giving the proper authorities of said town, city or incorporated village a written or printed notice that such roads or parts of roads, designating the same, will revert back to said town, city or incorporated village, at the time specified in said notice, and said notice to be not less than thirty days.

May cause road to revert to town, city or village.

SECTION 6. Whenever any county road shall have reverted back, if situated in a town, said road or roads shall be under the control of the supervisors of said town; if situated in a city, under the control of the mayor and common council; if in an incorporated village, under the control of the proper authorities therefor; it shall be their duty to cause said roads to be kept in good repair, and, if necessary, they are hereby authorized to levy and raise annually upon the taxable property of their town, city or incorporated village respectively, a special tax sufficient, in their judgments, to keep said roads in good repair.

Shall be under control of proper authorities.

SECTION 7. In case any town, city or incorporated village shall refuse or neglect to keep the aforesaid road or roads in repair, and the county clerk shall have received a written notice of such neglect, signed by at least six tax payers of the town, city or incorporated village in which said road or roads are situated, it shall then be the duty of said clerk to notify the proper authorities of such town, city or incorporated village, to cause such road or roads to be repaired within so many days (stating the time in the notice), and if said road or roads are not repaired within the time given in said notice, the same will be repaired by the county, and the expense of repairing such road or roads will be charged to such town, city or incorporated village.

Shall notify proper authorities, to repair road.

SECTION 8. After the time specified in the aforesaid notice shall have expired, and such road or roads aforesaid have not been repaired, it shall be the duty of the chairman of the county board of supervisors to cause the same to be repaired, and he shall keep an accurate account of each and every road repaired by him, and the expense of repairing such road shall be a proper charge against the town, city or incorporated village in which any such road or roads are situated,

Shall cause road to be repaired, and charge against the town,

and upon the same being audited and allowed by the county board, the clerk of the county board of supervisors shall add the same to the county tax apportioned to such town, city or incorporated village, and the same shall be collected and paid into the county treasury at the same time and in the same manner that other county taxes are collected and paid.

SECTION 9. All acts and parts of acts, conflicting with this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 25, 1872.

## CHAPTER 153.

[Published April 6, 1872.]

AN ACT to amend section 1 of chapter 55 of the general laws of 1863, entitled "an act to amend chapter 13 of the general laws of 1862, entitled 'an act to provide for the publication of the reports of the several state departments, and state institutions.'"

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

Amended.

Annual reports  
to be printed—  
the number and  
how distributed

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter 55 of the general laws of 1863, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "Section 1. Within ten days after the annual reports of the several state departments and state institutions shall have been placed in the hands of the governor, he shall deliver them to the public printer, who shall immediately proceed to print three thousand copies of each of said reports, twenty-two hundred of which shall be folded and stitched in pamphlet form, one thousand for the use of the institution or department making the same, and the remainder shall be laid before the legislature at the commencement of the ensuing session for the use of the members, the remaining eight hundred of each of said reports, together with the annual message of the governor to the legislature first to convene after the delivery of said reports, shall be bound into eight hundred volumes, each containing one of each of said reports and message, and shall be delivered to the superintendent of public