

CHAPTER 44.

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AN ACT relating to evidence in certain cases.

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

All patents to be *prima facie* evidence.

SECTION 1. All patents of land heretofore issued by the territory or state of Wisconsin, or by the proper officers of such territory or state, or which may hereafter be issued by the state of Wisconsin or by its proper officer, shall be *prima facie* evidence in all courts and places that the grantees therein named had lawful title in fee to the land therein described, at the date thereof; and such patents shall be *prima facie* evidence of all the facts therein recited: *provided*, this act shall not be construed to prevent said grantees from proving title to said land by purchase from said territory or state prior to the date of such patents.

May be recorded.

SECTION 2. All patents of land heretofore issued by the territory or state of Wisconsin, or by the proper officers of such territory or state or by the United States or its proper officers, or which shall hereafter be issued by said state of Wisconsin or its proper officers, or by the United States or its proper officers, may be recorded in the office of register of deeds of any county wherein any part of the lands in such patents described is situated, and the record of all such patents which may be hereafter recorded, or which have been heretofore recorded in the office of the register of deeds of the county wherein the lands therein described or any portion thereof, are situated, or the copy of such records duly certified by said register, may be read in evidence in any court within this state without further proof thereof, but the effect of such evidence may be rebutted by other competent testimony.

Secretary of state may certify.

SECTION 3. The secretary of state may certify to any facts which appear from the books, files and records in his office in regard to the grant, conveyance or transfer of any lands by the United States to the territory or state of Wisconsin, and also in regard to the sale, conveyance or transfer of any such lands by said territory or state to individuals or corporations, and his certificate of such facts shall be *prima facie* evidence of the facts so certified by him.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 45.

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AN ACT to amend sections nine and ten of chapter five hundred and thirty-seven of the general laws of 1865, entitled "an act to dispose of the swamp and overflowed lands, and the proceeds therefrom."

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

SECTION 1. Section nine of chapter five hundred and thirty-seven of the general laws of 1865 is hereby amended by striking out the word, "June," in the second line of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the word, "July." ^{Amended.}

SECTION 2. Section ten of said chapter is hereby amended by striking out the word, "June," in the seventh line of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the word, "July." ^{Ibid.}

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 46.

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AN ACT to amend section eighty-three of chapter one hundred and eighty-eight of the general laws of 1872, entitled "an act to provide for the incorporation of villages."

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

SECTION 1. Section eighty-three of chapter one hundred and eighty-eight of the general laws of 1872 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following ^{Amended.}