

up, or keep or maintain any ferry, or shall carry or transport any persons or any goods, wares, merchandise or chattels, for hire or pay across the Mississippi river, from any place on the east side or shore of the waters of said river, within the points specified in section one of this act, he or they shall for every such offense forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars, to be recovered by and for the use of said Samuel D. Van Gorden, his associates, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, in a civil action before any court having competent jurisdiction, and shall be further liable to said Van Gorden, his associates, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, and he or they may recover in like action for the rates specified in section six of this act for all such passengers or goods as may have been carried or transported by them or either of them, contrary to the provisions of this act.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage. All acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Approved February 26, 1875.

CHAPTER 72.

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AN ACT to transfer the railroad aid heretofore voted by the town of Potosi, county of Grant.

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

Election legalized.

SECTION 1. The election held by the electors of the town of Potosi, in the county of Grant, in this state, on or about the 20th day of October, A. D. 1871, and all proceedings of the town board of supervisors of the said town in ordering, giving the notices of, conducting and canvassing the votes of the said election, and all other proceedings of the said board relating thereto, at which election the sum of forty thousand dollars was voted by a majority of the legal voters of the said town to aid in the construction of the Dubuque, Milwaukee and Platteville railroad company through the said town, are hereby legalized

and declared valid and binding upon the said town, any informality relating thereto to the contrary notwithstanding, and the time for carrying out the aid so voted, is hereby extended for the period of time of two years beyond the time provided by the said election and the proceedings relating thereto.

SECTION 2. The board of supervisors of the said town of Potosi, and their successors in office, together with two commissioners, who shall be elected at the time of the annual town meeting, or at an election called for that purpose, shall constitute a board of railroad commissioners for said town, which said board of commissioners shall be the custodians of said fund of \$40,000, voted by the said town of Potosi, at the said meeting on the 20th of October, 1871, and are hereby authorized and empowered to apply the aid so voted in the construction of any other line of railroad through or into the said town, and to contract therefor with any other railroad company or corporation, whereby the interests of the said town to secure railroad facilities may be promoted; *provided*, that the said board of commissioners shall not give said aid to any railroad company or corporation under any other provisions than that embodied in the order under which said election was called and said aid voted, which said order is now upon record in the clerk's office of the town of Potosi, except as otherwise provided in this act; and all acts of the said railroad commissioners, to be valid, shall receive the affirmative of a majority of the members, to be entered of record by yeas and noes, and the town clerk of the said town for the time being shall be clerk of the said board of commissioners, and shall keep a full and complete record of all its proceedings which shall be at all times open to the inspection of the voters and tax-payers of the said town.

Town board
of railroad com-
missioners.

Custodians of
certain money.

Restrictions.

SECTION 3. Any obligations, either by contract or certificate, expressed or implied, under which the said town of Potosi may have been placed, or to which they may be held by the Dubuque, Platteville & Milwaukee Railroad Company, are hereby declared absolved.

Obligations
absolved.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved February 26, 1875.