

three members shall be appointed by the governor, but not more than one shall be appointed from the same county.

Local assist-
ants.

SECTION 3. The board shall have power to appoint, in such counties as it may deem expedient, a committee; consisting of three members, to assist the board of immigration in the performance of its duties, which shall act under the instruction of said board.

Duty of board.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of this board to enhance and encourage immigration to this state from other states of the union, the Dominion of Canada and from Europe.

Collection of
statistics.

SECTION 5. This board shall have authority to provide for the collection of statistics and useful information concerning the climate, products, population, and agricultural, mineral and other resources and advantages of this state, and for the printing and dissemination of the same in such languages as it may deem necessary.

Secretary; his
compensation.

SECTION 6. The board of immigration shall have power to appoint a secretary of its board, who shall be paid a reasonable compensation for his services, to be fixed by said board; and also power to appoint local agents to aid and assist all immigrants who may desire to locate in Wisconsin, and to pay said agents a reasonable compensation for the time of their actual employment.

Appropriation,
\$2,500.

SECTION 7. There shall be appropriated out of the general fund, not otherwise appropriated, a sum not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars, to be drawn upon the order of the governor, and to be applied exclusively in defraying the expenses incurred by said board under this act.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 4, 1879.

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CHAPTER 177.

AN ACT to quiet the title to real estate in certain cases.

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

Restoring title
destroyed.

SECTION 1. Whenever it shall appear that the records, or any part thereof, of any county in this state

have been destroyed by fire, or otherwise, so that a connected chain of title cannot be deduced therefrom, it shall be lawful for any person, who can produce a deed or deeds showing a connected chain of title running back for the term of ten years or more, to make an affidavit before the county judge of such county to the effect that he is the identical person named as grantee in the last conveyance of such chain of title; that, as such grantee, he, or his immediate grantor or grantors, has been in continual occupation and possession of the premises, giving in such affidavit a full and complete description of such premises under such deed or deeds for a period of time not less than ten years, and the person so making such affidavit shall cause such affidavit and the deed or deeds to be recorded in the office of the register of deeds of such county, and thereupon said deeds and affidavit, or the record thereof, shall be *prima facie* evidence that said person so making the affidavit is the owner in fee of such described premises. In case any of the deeds described in said affidavit have been recorded since the destruction of said county records, it will not be necessary to re-record them with the affidavit.

SECTION 2. In case such premises are owned, or Affidavits. held, in the name of a corporation or a company, or by more than one person in joint tenancy or in common, then the affidavit may be made by the president or secretary of such corporation, or one of such owners in behalf of such corporation or joint owners.

SECTION 3. The provisions of section four thousand Right of possession. two hundred and twelve of the revised statutes shall apply for the purposes of constituting possession by any person making such affidavit.

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

Approved March 4, 1879.

[No. 197, S.]

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CHAPTER 178.

AN ACT to amend section nine hundred and sixty-seven of the revised statutes and to authorize the state superintendent to fill vacancies in the office of county superintendent.

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

SECTION 1. Section nine hundred and sixty-seven Filling vacancies. of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding