

charges incurred in the issuing and execution of said warrant.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 28, 1882.

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CHAPTER 255.

AN ACT providing for restoring to market certain lands mentioned in chapter 316 of the laws of 1880.

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

Restoring to market certain lands.

SECTION 1. The commissioners of public lands are authorized to bring into market and sell the lands belonging to the state mentioned and described in chapter 316 of the laws of 1880, subject to the right of the state or the United States to overflow, use, occupy, or control, in the construction and maintenance of the dams, reservoirs and other improvements mentioned in said act.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 256.

AN ACT ceding to the United States the right to overflow certain lands of the state, and relinquishing the claim of the state to damages occasioned thereby.

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

Right to overflow lands.

SECTION 1. That whereas it is proposed by the United States to improve the navigation of the Mississippi river, by the construction of dams and the creation of reservoirs upon the headwaters of said river and its tributaries, causing possible overflow and damage to the lands bordering upon such reservoirs; therefore, in consideration of such improvements, there is hereby ceded to the United States the right to overflow, so far as necessary in the construction of any such dams and reservoirs, and any and all lands owned or held by the state, as described in the report of Charles J. Allen, captain of engineers to brigadier-general H. G. Wright, chief of engineers of the United States army, and bearing date December 12, 1879, which, as

ording to said report, may be necessary to overflow, and that all right or claim of the state for damages occasioned by any such overflow, whether against the United States or any agent or employee thereof be, and the same is hereby fully released and satisfied.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 28, 1882.

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CHAPTER 257.

AN ACT to amend section 655, chapter 35, revised statutes, relating to change of county seats.

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

SECTION 1. Section 655 of chapter 35 of the revised statutes is hereby amended as follows: In the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth lines of said section strike out the words, "but a majority of such votes shall be against such removal, then," and insert in place thereof the word "and," so that said section as amended will read as follows: Section 655. Whenever two-fifths of the legal voters of any county, to be determined by the poll lists of the last previous general election held in such county, the names of which voters shall each appear on some one of the poll lists of said election, shall present to the board of supervisors a petition signed by them asking a change of the county seat to some other place, such place to be designated in such petition, it shall be the duty of such board to submit the question of removal of the county seat to a vote of the qualified voters of the county in the manner herein provided. Such election shall be held only on the day of the general election for state and county officers, and shall be conducted and the votes canvassed, certified and recorded in the same manner as other votes at such election, and none but citizens entitled to vote at such general election shall be entitled to vote on the question of the change of county seat. At such election those voting for the change of the county seat shall deposit a ballot in a separate box to be provided for the change of the county seat, and those voting against such change shall deposit a ballot against the change of county seat. If a majority of all the votes cast at such election on that subject shall be in favor of the proposed change, it shall be the duty of the chairman of the board of super-

In relation to change of county seats.