

thereof, and any such corporation may commence to do business when one-half of its capital stock shall have been duly subscribed, and at least twenty (20) per cent. of its said capital shall be actually paid in.

SECTION 3. Every such corporation may have its principal place of business within or without the state of Wisconsin; provided, that if its principal place of business shall be outside of the state of Wisconsin, it shall, by power of attorney in proper form, constitute some citizen of the state of Wisconsin, its true and lawful attorney on whom process in actions against said corporation may be served, and file the same with the secretary of state, and all process in actions or proceedings against said corporation, served in accordance with the provisions of law, upon any such agent, shall be taken and deemed to be valid service upon said corporation, and shall give the court in which such action or proceeding is pending jurisdiction thereof.

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

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CHAPTER 278.

AN ACT relating to lands heretofore held and sold and conveyed by the state, to actions concerning the same, to taxation of the same and payment of taxes and interest.

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

SECTION 1. No action shall be commenced, maintained or prosecuted by or on behalf of the original owner, or any person claiming title through or under such owner to recover possession of, or in any way involving the title to any lands heretofore conveyed to the state of Wisconsin by any county in the state, or attempted to be so conveyed and sold by said state of Wisconsin to any private party or parties, until all taxes levied and assessed upon and against the same, from the date of the sale thereof by the said state, together with all legal charges for assessing and collecting the same, and interest thereon at the rate of twenty-five (25) per centum per annum, from the fifteenth day of May in each and every year during which the said

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lands were assessed, commencing with the May following the first assessment after such sale, shall have been paid into the county treasury of the county in which such lands shall lie; nor until all delinquent taxes levied upon and returned against said lands and remaining unpaid when the same were so conveyed, or attempted to be, to the state together with the like interest thereon shall have been paid into such county treasury; which moneys shall be retained in said county treasury to abide the event of such action, and shall be returned to the party paying or depositing the same if he shall fail to maintain such action; otherwise, so much thereof as covers the delinquent taxes above mentioned and interest thereon at the rate aforesaid, shall be retained by such county, and the remainder shall be paid over to the party or parties purchasing the same from the state, his or their legal representatives.

SECTION 2. In case the title to any lands mentioned in the preceding section shall be adjudged to be in such original owner or party claiming title through or under him, such lands shall be deemed to be and shall be subject to taxation during the time the same were held by the state in like manner as if they had not been conveyed to or held by the state, and the taxes for such period shall be levied and assessed upon such lands and collected in like manner as other taxes upon real estate.

Shall enter an order.

SECTION 3. In all actions now pending, of the character referred to in section 1 of this act, the court shall enter an order requiring the plaintiff therein, within a reasonable time, to be fixed in the order, to comply with the provisions of said section by payment of the taxes, charges and interest as provided therein, and in default of compliance therewith, the court shall dismiss the action.

SECTION 4. Nothing in this act contained shall be construed as amending or repealing any of the provisions of chapter 305 of the general laws of 1880.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 2, 1883.