

[No. 651, A.]

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## CHAPTER 512.

AN ACT for the better protection of life and property on highways intersected by railways in this state.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of every corporation owning or operating any railroad in this state, to keep their right of way clear of locust, brush or other kinds of brush or other kinds of brush or trees growing on the same, the distance of twenty rods each way on their right of way at the intersection of any public highway by such railway in this state; provided, however, that in timbered sections of country and the lands adjacent to such crossing of public highways by railways and not occupied and cleared, the said corporation shall not be liable under the provisions of this act, till the said adjacent lands be occupied or cleared, then this act to apply as stated herein. On the neglect or refusal of such railway corporation to comply with the provisions of this act, the town board of supervisors, by its chairman in the towns through which such railway corporations have right of way, shall make complaint and cause an action to be brought against such corporations in any justice court or municipal court in any county where such action may be necessary according to the provisions of this act. The penalty for neglect or refusal shall be one hundred dollars, one-half to be paid to said town prosecuting the same. And provided farther, that any person owning any land adjacent to such highway and railway the distance of twenty rods from such railway intersection of highway, shall, in like manner clear such land from brush and trim up to the height of ten feet from ground [any] trees thereon they may desire to leave for shade trees, and for neglect or refusal to comply with the provisions of this act an action to be commenced and

Railroads to keep right of way clear of brush and snow or trees, for 20 rods each way at intersection of highway.

Penalty for neglect.

prosecuted as above provided and the penalty therefor enforced.

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

Approved April 18, 1889.

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## CHAPTER 513.

AN ACT to provide for the expenses of the joint select committee appointed under joint resolution No. 12, A.

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

Appropriation  
to William  
Foster and  
James Field-  
ing, service on  
joint com-  
mittee.

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, one hundred thirty-three dollars and eighty cents to William Foster for services as stenographer at the sessions of the joint committee appointed under joint resolution No. 12, A, and twenty-one dollars seventy-five cents to James Fielding for services in serving subpoenas; also a sufficient sum of money to pay fees, and mileage to the several witnesses examined by said committee.

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

Approved April 18, 1889.