

gross earnings in excess of one thousand five hundred dollars per mile per annum, and under two thousand dollars per mile per annum.

Five dollars per mile on less than \$1,500 per mile.

5. Five dollars per mile of operated road by all companies whose gross earnings are less than fifteen hundred dollars per mile per annum.

Two per cent. on gross earnings on all pile and pontoon railroads.

6. Two per centum of the gross earnings of all railroads which are operated on pile and pontoon, or pontoon bridges, which gross earnings shall be returned as to such parts thereof as are within the state.

License fee, when paid.

One-half of the license fee shall be paid at the time the license so issues, and one-half on or before the tenth day of August in each year.

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

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## CHAPTER 183.

AN ACT to amend chapter 215, of the laws of 1895, entitled, "An act in relation to appeals to the supreme court in certain cases."

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

Limit of appeals to the supreme court.

SECTION 1. Section 1, of chapter 215, of the laws of 1895, approved April 12, 1895, is hereby amended by inserting next after the word "unless" in the fourth line thereof, the words, "the

title to lands shall therein be in question, or," so that said section when so amended shall read as follows: "Section 1. No appeal shall hereafter be taken to the supreme court in any case from any judgment when the amount involved, exclusive of costs, is less than one hundred dollars, unless the title to lands shall therein be in question, or the judge of the court in which such judgment was rendered shall certify that the case necessarily involves the decision of some question or point of law of such doubt and difficulty as to require a decision of the same by the supreme court, or that it necessarily involves the construction or interpretation of some provision of the constitution of the United States, or of the constitution of this state; and in all such cases the question or questions so certified shall be briefly and clearly stated by such judge, and on the appeal no other question shall be considered or decided."

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

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