

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 13, 1899.

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CHAPTER 174.

AN ACT to adjust the claim of Robert S. Houston against the state.

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

Whereas, Robert S. Houston has filed a claim against the state, for damages incurred by reason of the alleged unauthorized action or mistake on the part of a state officer; and,

Whereas, the legislature is unable, in the limited time at its disposal, to determine the facts upon which said alleged claim is based, and being willing that justice should be done.

SECTION 1. The governor, attorney general and secretary of the state board of agriculture, are hereby appointed and constituted a commission to hear the evidence which may be submitted concerning the examination, condemnation, killing or otherwise disposing of the herd of dairy cattle belonging to Robert S. Houston in the year 1895, in Kenosha county, Wisconsin, upon the order of the state veterinarian. Such commission may take all testimony it may deem proper, to make a full inquiry into the facts and circumstances of the case. After taking such evidence, said commission may determine and make such findings as shall be in accordance with the facts in the case.

Commission,
personnel of;
duties of.

To determine
and assess
damages, if
any.

SECTION 2. In case said commission shall find that said cattle were not affected with any disease that warranted their destruction under the provisions of law thus in force, then and in that case, they shall determine the amount of damages suffered by said Houston by the destruction of his cattle, and award him such a sum as will reasonably compensate him for his loss and certify such fact, stating the amount awarded, to the secretary of state. Whereupon the secretary of state shall draw his warrant on the state treasurer in favor of said Robert S. Houston for the amount awarded as damages.

Appropriation of \$5,000.

SECTION 3. There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum of money, not exceeding five thousand dollars, to carry out the provisions of this act.

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

Approved April 13, 1899.

No. 408, A.]

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CHAPTER 175.

AN ACT to amend section 3891 of the Wisconsin statutes of 1898, relating to the sale of lands by executors, etc., and section 4005 of said statutes, relating to the sale of lands by guardians.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4045. All notices required to be given by the county courts by publication in a newspaper, shall be published in such