

tary of state, six cents per folio, to be paid out of the state treasury. For making a new tract index upon the order of the county board, such sum as may be fixed by the board, not exceeding two cents for each entry, to be paid from the county treasury. For recording plats containing from one to twenty lots, ten dollars, and for plats containing from twenty to fifty lots, thirteen dollars, and for each additional lot seven cents.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of May, 1899.

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CHAPTER 279.

AN ACT to establish a board of immigration, and making an appropriation to provide for the cost of maintenance thereof.

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

SECTION 1. The governor and the secretary of state are hereby constituted a board of immigration for this state, and the state board of immigration shall continue in office until April 1st, 1901, and discharge the duties prescribed by this bill. Said board shall receive no compensation for their services.

Governor and secretary of state made the board.

SECTION 2. The board of immigration provided in the first section of this act, shall appoint a secretary who shall receive a salary not to exceed eighteen hundred dollars, per annum, and who shall devote his time exclusively to the promotion and encouragement of immigration to, and the settlement of, this state, under the direc-

Board to appoint a secretary, and salary of.

tion of said board, and to the performance of such other duties as shall be prescribed by the board. Said secretary may employ an assistant who shall receive a salary not to exceed twelve hundred dollars, to be paid out of the appropriation mentioned in section 5, of this bill. Said secretary may be removed from office in the discretion of said board, who may appoint another person to fill the vacancy caused by such removal.

Committees to aid board may be appointed in counties.

SECTION 3. The state board shall have power to appoint in such counties as it shall deem expedient, a committee of three persons to aid the board of immigration in the performance of its duties under the provisions of this act, which committee shall act under the advice and instructions of said board, without compensation from the state.

Authority to collect statistics.

SECTION 4. The state board of immigration shall have authority to provide for the collection of statistics of useful information relating to the population, climate, soil, products, agricultural, mineral and other resources and advantages of this state, and for the printing, distribution and dissemination thereof, in such form and in such language as it may deem expedient and for the best interest of the state.

\$5,000 annually appropriated to defray expenses of board.

SECTION 5. There is hereby appropriated out of the general fund in said treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five thousand dollars annually for the years 1899, 1900, to be drawn on the order of the governor and secretary of state, to be then by them expended pursuant to and under the provisions of this act.

SECTION 6. The term of office of said board shall cease and determine on the first day of April, 1901, and this act shall cease to be of force and effect from and after the first day of April, 1901.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force, from and after April 1st, 1899.

Approved April 27, 1899.