

No. 168, S.]

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## CHAPTER 308.

AN ACT to amend chapter 46 of the Wisconsin statutes for 1898 relative to the duties of assessors and sections 1211, 1212 and 1795 of said statutes.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 46 of the Wisconsin statutes for 1898 is hereby amended by inserting in said chapter immediately after section 1010, four new sections which shall be known and read as follows: Section 1010a. It shall be the duty of the assessor in each assessing district in the state to make a certified report of the following data, concerning all railroads, public, private, logging or other kind located in his district, either steam or electric, to-wit: name, owner, operator. Section 1010b. On or before the first day of June of each year each assessor shall transmit such report to the railroad commissioner at Madison, and file a copy of the same with the town, city or village clerk wherein his assessing district is located. Section 1010c. The secretary of state is hereby authorized and instructed to procure the blanks necessary to the provision of this act and to transmit the same to the several county clerks of the state who shall immediately transmit the same to the several assessors of his county. Section 1010d. Any assessor neglecting or refusing to make the report provided for in this act shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars.

Assessor to collect railroad statistics.

To report to railroad commissioner.

Secretary of state to furnish blanks.

Penalty for assessor's neglect.

SECTION 2. Section 1211 of the Wisconsin statutes for 1898 is hereby amended by striking out the word "February," where it occurs in the third line of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "March," so that said section when so

Steam and electric roads to report earnings to state treasurer.

amended shall read as follows : Section 1211. Every steam or electric railroad company and every person operating a railroad in this state, except railroads operated by horse power or city street railroads wholly within such city shall, on or before the tenth day of March in each year, make and return to the state treasurer in such form and upon such blanks as shall be furnished by him, a true statement of the gross earnings of their respective roads for the preceding calendar year, of the number of miles of road operated by each such company or person and the gross earning per mile per annum during such year; which statement shall be verified by the oath of the secretary and treasurer of such companies or of the person so operating such railroad.

Duties of railroad commissioner.

SECTION 3. Section 1795 of the Wisconsin statutes for 1898 is hereby amended as follows: first by striking out the word "February" in the second line of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the word "March," and by striking out the word "odddnumber" where it occurs in the twenty-fourth line of subdivision four (4) of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the word even numbered.

Application for license.

SECTION 4. Section 1212 of the Wisconsin statutes for 1898 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "thereupon" in the fourth line of said section the following: "if such statement be approved by the railroad commissioner," so that said section when so amended shall read as follows: Section 1212. Each such railroad company and each person operating any railroads shall on returning such statement, apply for a license to operate the railroad mentioned in such statement, and shall pay the license fee therefor provided in the next section; and thereupon, if such statement be approved by the railroad commissioner shall receive from the state treasurer a license to operate such railroad for the calendar year commencing on the first day of January preceding and terminating on the next succeeding

thirty-first day of December, unless sooner re-  
voked.

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

Approved May 1, 1899.

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## CHAPTER 309.

AN ACT relating to municipalities and amenda-  
tory of section 942 of the statutes of Wisconsin  
for the year 1898.

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

SECTION 1. Section 942 of the statutes of the  
state of Wisconsin for the year 1898, is hereby  
amended by inserting after the word "purpose"  
in the seventh line thereof, the words "and for the  
purchase, construction, maintenance and opera-  
tion of telephone lines and exchanges," and by  
adding a new section to be known as section 942a,  
so that said section 942, when amended, and  
said section 942a, shall read as follows:  
Section 942. Any county, town, village or city  
may, in accordance with the provisions of this  
chapter, issue its negotiable bonds for the purpose  
of paying for any authorized subscription to the  
stock or mortgage bonds, or both, issued by any  
corporation or company organized for building  
any railroad, whether of broad, ordinary or nar-  
row gauge, or made of iron, steel or wooden rails,  
or in exchange for or compromise of any such  
bonds previously issued for such purpose, and for  
the purchase, construction, maintenance and op-

Municipal  
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