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CHAPTER 468.

AN ACT appropriating a certain sum of money for the relief of innocent purchasers and holders of orders issued by county judges under an invalid law, known as chapter 203 of the laws of 1895.

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

Purpose of appropriation. SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, thirty thousand dollars for the purpose of paying all innocent purchasers of county orders issued under an invalid law known as chapter 203 of the laws of 1895 by different county judges of the state of Wisconsin which are yet unpaid and which were purchased prior to the date of the decision of the supreme court of the state of Wisconsin holding said act chapter 203 of the laws of 1895 unconstitutional.

Auditing committee. SECTION 2. The secretary of state, state treasurer and attorney general are hereby appointed an auditing committee for the purpose of auditing all claims filed under this act.

Filing of claims; auditing of. SECTION 3. All persons claiming to be innocent purchasers of such county orders issued under said invalid act, and which are yet unpaid, are required to file said orders with the secretary of state within sixty days after the passage and publication of this act, and when so filed the said auditing committee shall require such innocent purchasers of said orders duly filed under this act to prove to the satisfaction of said auditing committee the amount of actual cash, or its equivalent, paid by such innocent purchaser for said order and the manner or circumstances under which said orders were purchased by said innocent purchasers. And when the said auditing committee are satisfied that said orders are held by innocent purchasers, they, the said committee, shall audit the same according to the amount proven to be actually paid by said innocent purchaser for said order.

Payment of claims; no interest allowed. SECTION 4. When said orders or claims have been audited by said committee, the

state treasurer is hereby directed to pay the same, upon warrants issued in the manner provided by law, out of the money herein appropriated for such purpose. Provided, however, the amount herein appropriated is not sufficient to pay all of said orders filed with the secretary of state, and audited by this committee within sixty days after the passage and publication of this act, then said auditing committee shall direct the same to be paid by said treasurer pro rata; and no claim audited under this act shall be paid until after all of the orders filed under this act shall have been audited by said committee. Provided, that no interest shall be allowed on any of said orders, and no claims shall be audited for more than the face value thereof.

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

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CHAPTER 469.

AN ACT to detach certain territory from the county of Chippewa and to create the county of Gates.

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

Territory of Gates county defined. SECTION 1. All that territory and portion of the county of Chippewa in the state of Wisconsin included within the following boundaries to-wit: Commencing at the southeast corner of township number thirty-three north, of range five west, in said county of Chippewa and running thence north on the range line between ranges numbered four and five, to the northeast corner of said township numbered thirty-three, thence running east on the town line between towns numbered thirty-three and thirty-four to the southeast corner of township numbered thirty-four north, of range numbered three west, thence running north on the range line between ranges numbered two and three west, to the northeast corner of township numbered thirty-six north, of range numbered three west, thence running west on the town line between townships numbered thirty-six and thirty-seven, to the northwest