

Conflicting laws repealed. SECTION 25. Chapter 67 of the statutes of 1898, and chapter 341 of the laws of 1901 and chapter 393 of the laws of 1903, and all acts or parts of acts contravening in any way the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 26. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the fifteenth day of July, 1905.

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CHAPTER 491.

AN ACT authorizing the increase of the height of a dam across the Black river.

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

Increase of height authorized. SECTION 1. The city of Black River Falls, and James J. McGillivray, the successors and assigns of Jacob Spaulding, to whom was granted a franchise by chapter 208 private and local laws of Wisconsin for 1853, their heirs, associates, successors and assigns, are hereby authorized to increase the height of the dam now built and owned and maintained by them across Black river, on the east half of the south east quarter of section 15, township 21, north of range 4, west of the fourth principal meridian, in Jackson county, by virtue of chapter 208, private and local laws of Wisconsin for 1853, from eleven to fifteen feet from the water mark.

Fishway. SECTION 2. The dam erected under the authority hereby granted shall be provided with a good and sufficient fishway to be approved by the state board of commissioners of fisheries, and said fishway shall at all times be kept in good repair and open for the free and easy passage of fish up and down said river.

Power. SECTION 3. In case the owners thereof desire to let, lease, rent or furnish any hydraulic power or accumulation of water procured or created under this act for any lawful public or private purposes they shall not charge or collect more than a reasonable rental therefor. In case the owner of said dam and the lessee of any part of said hydraulic power or accumulation of water shall be unable to agree upon the price to be paid for the use of the same, they shall submit the matter to arbitration and for this purpose the owners of such power shall select an expert engineer, the lessee shall also select another expert engineer and the two engineers so chosen shall select a third, who shall constitute arbitrators and have full authority to determine the price that shall be paid for the use of such power or accumulation of water. Their decision shall be reduced to writing and signed by a majority of said arbitrators and shall be final and conclusive upon the parties in interest. The refusal of any owner to submit to arbitration as herein provided, the question of the price at which hydraulic power or accumulation of water shall be rented, as herein provided, or his failure to furnish such power or accumulation of water at the price fixed by the said arbitrators as hereinbefore provided, if such power or accumulation of water is not needed for other use, or his failure to comply with all the conditions of this act, shall terminate and forfeit the franchise hereby granted, and the failure of the lessee of such hydraulic power or accumulation of water to submit the question of price to be paid for the same to arbitration, as hereby provided, or after submission, to pay the price determined by said arbitrators shall work a forfeiture of his lease, if any he had, of such power or accumulation of water.

Franchise, when forfeit. SECTION 4. Failure to exercise the right, granted under the franchise by increasing the height of such dam within four years from the date of the passage of this act shall terminate and forfeit all rights herein granted.

Franchise, when forfeit. SECTION 5. A failure to operate and maintain said dam for a period of two consecutive years shall terminate and forfeit all rights and powers granted by this act. Whenever the water power acquired under and by virtue of this act shall be operated or its operation suspended, pursuant to any contract, agreement or understanding, express or implied, in violation of any law of this state or of the United States, all rights granted by this act shall be forthwith forfeited.

Legislative rights reserved. SECTION 6. The right of the legislature to amend or repeal this act and the rights granted thereunder are hereby reserved.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved June 21, 1905.

No. 473, S.]

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CHAPTER 492.

AN ACT relating to the use of money by corporations in elections.

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

Political contributions by corporations prohibited. SECTION 1. No corporation doing business in this state, shall pay or contribute, or offer, consent or agree to pay or contribute, directly or indirectly, any money, property, free service of its officers or employees or thing of value to any political party, organization, committee or individual for any political purpose whatsoever, or for the purpose of influencing legislation of any kind, or to promote or defeat the candidacy of any person for nomination, appointment or election to any political office.

Penalty. SECTION 2. Any officer, employee, agent or attorney or other representative of any corporation, acting for and in behalf of such corporation, who shall violate this act, shall be punished upon conviction by a fine of not less than one hundred nor more than five thousand dollars, or by imprisonment in the state prison for a period of not less than one nor more than five years, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court or judge before whom such conviction is had and if the corporation shall be subject to a penalty then by forfeiture in double the amount of any fine so imposed to be collected as other actions by forfeiture are collected and if a domestic corporation, it may be dissolved, if after a proper