

No. 417. S.]

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CHAPTER 440.

AN ACT to amend sections 1747—3, 1747—23, 1747—28, 1747—43, 1747—44, and 1747—55 of the statutes, relating to a grain and warehouse commission, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 1747—3, 1747—23, 1747—28, 1747—43, 1747—44, and 1747—55 of the statutes are amended to read: Section 1747—3. The commissioners *heretofore* appointed under this act shall hold their offices * * * *until the first Monday in February, 1910*, and until their successors are appointed and qualified. *On or before the first Monday in February, 1910, the governor shall appoint three commissioners; the term of one such appointee shall terminate on the first Monday in February, 1911; the term of the second such appointee shall terminate on the first Monday in February, 1912; and the term of the third such appointee shall terminate on the first Monday in February, 1913. In January, 1911, and annually thereafter there shall be appointed in the same manner one commissioner for the term of three years from the first Monday in February of such year. Each commissioner so appointed shall hold his office until his successor is appointed and qualified. And in case of any vacancy in such commission, the governor shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term so made vacant in the manner as original appointments are required to be made. And such commissioners shall be subject to removal, for cause, by the governor in the same manner as county officers may be removed.*

Section 1747—23. The weighmaster and each and every assistant shall not be a member of any board of trade or association of like character. They shall give bonds in the sum of two thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful discharge of their duties, and shall receive such compensation as the grain and warehouse commission shall determine, not exceeding, however, * * * *one hundred and fifty dollars per month for the weighmaster, one hundred and twenty-five dollars per month for his first assistant, and one hundred dollars a month for each other assistant.*

Section 1747—28. The chief inspector of grain and all deputy inspectors shall be governed in their inspection duties by

such rules and regulations as may be provided and promulgated by the grain and warehouse commission, which shall have power to fix the rates of charges for inspection and weighing of grain, and the manner in which the same shall be collected, * * * which charges shall be regulated in such manner as will, in the judgment of said commission, produce sufficient revenue to meet the necessary expenses of the inspection and weighing service. Said grain and warehouse commission shall fix the amount of compensation to be paid to the chief inspector and deputy inspectors, and prescribe the time and manner of payment thereof, provided the compensation so fixed shall not exceed one hundred and fifty dollars per month for the chief * * * inspector, one hundred and twenty-five dollars per month for a first deputy, and one hundred dollars per month for each other deputy.

Section 1747—43. It shall be the duty of the grain and warehouse commission to appoint some person treasurer of said commission at a salary not to exceed fifty dollars per month, and the person so appointed shall make and file with the state treasurer a bond to the state of Wisconsin in the sum of twenty thousand dollars, conditioned to account for and pay over all moneys coming into his hands, and to keep a just and accurate account of all such moneys according to law, and make report of the same to said treasurer quarterly, such bond to be approved by the governor of this state. * * *

Section 1747—44. The grain and warehouse commission is hereby authorized to pay out of any and all moneys collected by way of fees and charges for weighing and inspection of grain all expenses incurred by said commission by way of fees or compensation allowed for such weighing and inspection, the expenses of making and publication of rules for the weighing, inspection, and grading of grain, the procurement of all bonds to be given by any and all members of said commission, the treasurer thereof, the chief weighmaster and his assistants, the chief inspector and his deputies, and also for all stationery, postage, and other incidental expenses necessarily incurred in carrying out the provisions of this act. Said commission may further from time to time expend and appropriate out of any surplus moneys in the hands of its treasurer over and above its legal obligations, including any moneys advanced by the state, a sum of money not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars annually for the purpose of promoting in a lawful and legitimate manner the grain trade or market in Superior. An accurate account of all such payments and expenditures shall be kept by the treasurer and reported as above provided.

Section 1747—55. The three members of the grain and warehouse commission provided for in this act shall each *give his entire time to the performance of the duties of his position, and shall not engage in any other active business; they shall each receive a salary of * * * two hundred dollars per month, one hundred of which shall be payable out of the state treasury monthly after their appointment and qualification in the same manner as other salaries are paid out of the state treasury; and there is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated a sum sufficient to pay the salaries of said commissioners. The other one hundred dollars shall be paid monthly out of the funds or fees collected after all legal obligation, including any moneys heretofore or hereafter advanced by the state, have been fully paid.*

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 441.

AN ACT to provide for the appointment of a committee to confer with the railroad corporations against which actions are pending in the name of the state for the collection of license fees, and to authorize said committee to make contracts for the settlement of such actions and to report to the legislature.

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

SECTION 1. After the passage and publication of this act the Governor shall appoint two members of the senate and three members of the assembly, who shall with the attorney-general, constitute a committee for the purpose hereinafter named.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of such committee after the adjournment of the legislature, to confer with the officers and attorneys of the several railroad corporations against which actions are pending for the collection of license fees, for the purpose of adjusting and settling said actions and counter-claims pleaded, and to this end it shall be the duty of such committee to ascertain as nearly as may be the amount due from each of said corporations from the reports of the officers and agents of the state heretofore made and from all other sources within their reach, with a view of determining a just basis of settlement of all matters involved in such action.