

be made within five years from the time of such payment, or, in cases where the state never had title, from the time when the invalidity of the title of the state was established.

20.1925 There is appropriated from the normal school fund, to the commissioners of public lands, a sum sufficient to carry out the provisions of sections 24.34 and 24.35; but all payments hereunder shall be subject to the approval of the governor.

20.195 There is appropriated from the common school fund, to the commissioners of public lands, a sum sufficient to carry out the provisions of sections 24.34 and 24.35; but all payments hereunder shall be subject to the approval of the governor.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved June 7, 1919.

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### CHAPTER 323.

AN ACT to appropriate to the assembly contingent fund and senate contingent fund sums of money therein named.

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

SECTION 1. There is appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the assembly contingent fund the sum of one thousand dollars, and to the senate contingent fund the sum of five hundred dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved June 7, 1919.

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### CHAPTER 324.

AN ACT to create section 21.615 of the statutes, relating to an armory board.

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

SECTION 1. A new section is added to the statutes to read: 21.615. (1) There is hereby created an armory board consisting of the adjutant general, the chief quartermaster, and the commanding officer of each of the regiments and separate battalions of the Wisconsin national guard, whose duty it shall be, subject to, and upon the approval of the governor, to approve the selection of all armory sites, to make all contracts for the erection of armories, and the acquisition of armories already

constructed under certain conditions; to approve all bills, claims and accounts in connection with the construction or purchase of armories before such bills, claims and accounts shall be paid, and to perform such other duties as may be required in carrying out the provisions of this section. The members of such board shall receive no compensation for any service rendered as members thereof but shall be paid their traveling expenses actually and necessarily spent in the performance of their duties.

(2) The armory board is authorized to construct and acquire armories and to spend therefor each year not exceeding fifteen per centum of the sum appropriated for said year for the Wisconsin national guard, in aid of the construction of an armory or armories for an organization or organizations of Wisconsin national guard or in the acquisition of such armory or armories, provided that the total expenditure of state funds in constructing or acquiring any armory for the occupation and use of a single military organization shall not exceed the sum of twenty thousand dollars.

(3) No armory shall be ordered constructed or acquired by said board under the provisions of this section unless and until,

(a) There shall have been conveyed to the state, with title free of encumbrance, a site, or funds provided sufficient for condemnation of a site, acceptable to the armory board, and

(b) There shall have been made available from private or local municipal sources, for the immediate use of the armory board in local armory construction, a sum of money equal to the amount allotted by said board for the same purpose from the appropriation for Wisconsin national guard and any county, city, village or town may issue its bonds to aid in the construction of such armories.

(4) Said armory board in lieu of the conditions of subdivisions (a) and (b) of subsection (3) may accept a conveyance to the state of the unincumbered title in fee of premises improved by an armory wholly or partially completed, the value of which improvement is, in the judgment of said board, fully equal to the sum otherwise required to be locally contributed.

(5) The custody and control of an armory or armories, constructed or acquired under the provisions of this section shall, subject to the direction and supervision of the armory board, vest in such officer or officers of the local national guard organizations as said board shall designate.

(6) The proceeds of rentals and other revenue derived from each such armory shall be devoted and applied in payment of the cost of its care, administration, heating, lighting and maintenance and any surplus of such income shall, under the direction

of the armory board, be expended in the extension, improvement and better equipment of such armory.

(7) No rental allowance shall be made or paid from state funds on account of a company or companies occupying any such armory but all necessary expenses of the proper care, use and maintenance of such armory in excess of the income derived from said premises, shall be defrayed from the appropriation for Wisconsin national guard.

(8) Any municipality within which an armory is constructed or acquired under the provisions of this section shall have, free of rental charge, the use of the main drill hall for conventions and other meetings of a general and public nature, provided that the period of such use shall be so arranged as not to materially interfere with the required military exercises of the company and provided that there shall be paid to the custodian officer by the municipality a sum reasonably sufficient to cover the cost of heating and lighting said hall and other incidental expenses incurred during and by reason of such occupation.

(9) If and whenever a military company or companies which is in occupation of an armory constructed and acquired under the provisions of this section, is mustered out of the service of this state and it shall appear probable to the armory board that no new state military organization will be mustered in the same locality, then the armory board is empowered and authorized to sell, transfer and convey the said armory premises to the municipality in which the same is located upon the repayment to the state, without interest, of a sum equal to the amount allotted from state military funds and expended by the armory board in the improvement of the premises.

(10) If the municipality as such shall not have participated in procuring the armory site or in the construction of such armory, or having participated, declines to purchase, the said armory board is hereby empowered and authorized to sell, transfer and convey such armory premises to any person, association or corporation for a consideration not less than the moneys, with interest, expended by the state in improving or acquiring the said premises, giving preference of purchase to that person, association or corporation which contributed most liberally in aid of the local armory construction.

(11) All moneys received by the armory board from the sale of armories shall within ten days after the receipt thereof, be paid into the general fund of the state treasury and all moneys so received and paid in are appropriated for the Wisconsin national guard and shall be credited in addition to the current annual appropriation for that body for all military purposes.

(12) Each armory shall be erected as a memorial to the valor, sacrifice, and patriotism of Wisconsin men and women who have served their country and their state upon the battlefield. As a fitting appreciation of their services, the armory board shall exhibit in a conspicuous place in each armory an honor roll, containing the names of the soldiers, sailors, marines, and nurses, who served this country in its different wars, and who entered service from the particular locality in which the armory is situated. The board shall also have erected appropriate tablets to the memory of men and women from such locality who have died while in the military or naval service of the United States.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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### CHAPTER 325.

AN ACT to amend section 21.25 of the statutes, relating to issue of arms, accoutrements, ordnance stores and supplies.

*The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 21.25 of the statutes is amended to read: 21.25. The quartermaster-general shall, subject to the approval of the governor, issue to the commanding officer of each regularly organized company, troop, battery, \* \* \* and sanitary detachment, such arms, accoutrements, uniforms, quartermaster's and ordnance stores, supplies for rifle practice and such other supplies, drill regulations, textbooks, blanks and papers, and stationery as may be necessary, taking receipts and causing proper returns to be made for the same. *The quartermaster-general shall, subject to the approval of the governor, provide by purchase or by hire such public animals and motor transport as are necessary for the proper training of any military unit at home station and field camp of instruction and for the care and keep of such public animals and transport.* The quartermaster-general, subject to the approval of the governor, may contract for the purchase and transportation of the supplies provided for in this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved June 9, 1919.