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AN ACT to amend 318.03 (4) of the statutes, relating to return of escheated lands to their proper owners.

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

318.03 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

318.03 (4) The moneys received by the state treasurer pursuant to subsections (1) and (3) shall be paid to the owner on proof of his right thereto. The claimant may, within 7 years after the date of publication by the treasurer of notice of receipt thereof as provided by section 14.42 (15), file in the county court in which the estate was settled, a petition alleging the basis of his claim to the residue or to the legacy or share. The court shall order a hearing upon the petition; and 20 days' notice thereof shall be given by the claimant to the attorney-general, who shall appear for the state at the hearing. If the claim is established it shall be allowed without interest; and the court shall so certify to the director of budget and accounts, who shall audit and the state treasurer shall pay the same. If real property has been adjudged to escheat to the state pursuant to section 237.01 (7) the county court which made the adjudication may adjudge at any time before title has been transferred from the state that the title shall be transferred to the proper owners pursuant to proceedings brought in the manner provided in this subsection.

Approved April 27, 1949.