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CHAPTER 242.

AN ACT to repeal and recreate 56.07 and to amend 46.17 (1) and 57.06 (1) of the statutes, relating to county reforestation camps and commitments thereto.

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

SECTION 1. 46.17 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

46.17 (1) The department shall fix reasonable standards and regulations for the design, construction, repair and maintenance of county homes, county hospitals, houses of correction, workhouses, *reforestation camps maintained under section 56.07*, jails and lockups, and juvenile detention homes, with respect to their adequacy and fitness for the needs which they are to serve.

SECTION 2. 56.07 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

56.07 COUNTY REFORESTATION CAMPS. (1) Any county may by ordinance designate any county forest project under section 28.11 to be a county reforestation

camp and provide facilities therein for keeping and maintaining prisoners and giving them employment not exceeding 8 hours each day, without compensation unless otherwise determined by the county board, in charge of a superintendent who shall have the powers and duties of a jailor.

(2) When convicted persons are subject to commitment to the county jail, or to the state prison under 351.30 or 359.12 (3) (a) for a term not exceeding 2 years, the court may instead commit them for equivalent terms to a reforestation camp authorized under subsection (1).

(3) Each prisoner serving a sentence under 351.30 or 359.12 shall receive time credits at the rate of one day for each 6 days served. Each prisoner serving such a sentence may be transferred to the state prison upon recommendation of the superintendent and approval of the department. The county board may, pursuant to its regulations approved by the department, extend to all other prisoners similar time credits, pecuniary earnings and rewards, subject to similar conditions and limitations, as those prescribed by section 53.12 for prisoners in the state prison. Any inmate who violates any regulation of the camp shall forfeit from good time previously earned 5 days for the first offense, 10 days for the second offense and 20 days for the third or each subsequent offense. Good time so forfeited shall not be restored. In addition, the superintendent with the approval of the county board committee appointed under section 28.11 may cancel all or part of such good time.

(4) ESCAPE. Any prisoner sentenced to such camp under sections 351.30 or 359.12 who shall escape shall be subject to the penalty prescribed in 346.40 and any prisoner sentenced as a misdemeanor who escapes shall be subject to the penalty prescribed in 346.45.

(5) Any county may contract with an adjoining county having a county reforestation camp, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon, for keeping, maintaining and employing without compensation unless otherwise provided by the contract, convicted persons subject to county jail sentence, and in that event such persons may be committed to such county reforestation camp in the adjoining county.

(6) Any officer who shall receive the commitment of any person to the county reforestation camp shall convey such person thereto as soon as practicable; and shall be entitled to compensation at the rate of 10 cents per mile for each mile actually traveled in such service, going and returning, and in addition 5 cents per mile for the transportation of each prisoner.

(7) If any inmate of a reforestation camp, in the performance of his work in connection with the maintenance of the camp, is injured so as to permanently incapacitate him, or materially reduce his earning power, he may upon his discharge be allowed and paid such compensation as the industrial commission finds him entitled to. He shall be compensated on the same basis as he would have been had the injury been covered by the workmen's compensation act, except that the total paid to any such inmate shall not exceed \$1000 and may be paid in instalments. If the inmate is from an adjoining county such county shall pay such compensation.

(8) The provisions of sections 53.31 to 53.42 insofar as they relate to persons committed and are not in conflict with the provisions of this section shall apply to persons committed under this section.

SECTION 3. 57.06 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

57.06 (1) Upon 10 days' written notice to the district attorney and the judge who tried an inmate of the Wisconsin state prison or * * * *a felon serving at least one year in the Milwaukee county house of correction or a county reforestation camp organized under section 56.07*, the department may parole him when he has served the minimum or one-half of the maximum of an indeterminate * * * *term* or 2 years, whichever is least; or when he has served one-half of a determinate term which is less than life or 2 years, whichever is least; or when he has served 20 years of a life term, less the deductions earned for good conduct as provided in section 53.11.

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