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CHAPTER 658

AN ACT to amend subsection (4) of section 20.40, and to create section 36.20, and a new paragraph of subsection (3) of section 20.41 of the statutes, to authorize the university of Wisconsin to conduct investigational and demonstrational work in order to determine the most efficient and economical methods of land clearing, and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (4) of section 20.40 of the statutes is amended to read:

(20.40) (4) *On May 1, 1917, thirty-seven thousand two hundred fifty dollars, and * * * on July 1, 1917, fifty-one thousand dollars, and on July 1, 1918, fifty-four thousand dollars, to meet the appropriations from the university fund income made by paragraphs (c), (d), (e), (h), * * * (i) and L of subsection (3) of section 20.41.*

SECTION 2. A new paragraph is added to subsection (3) of section 20.41 of the statutes, to read:

(20.41) (3) (L) *On May 1, 1917, thirty-seven thousand two hundred fifty dollars, to be used by the board of regents of the university for land clearing investigational and demonstrational work, as provided in section 36.20 and all moneys received by each and every person for or on behalf of the board of regents of the university under the provisions of section 36.20 shall be paid within one week after receipt into the university fund income, and are appropriated therefrom, and added to this appropriation.*

SECTION 3. There is added to the statutes a new subsection to be numbered and to read:

(36.20) (6) *The regents of the university of Wisconsin are authorized through the college of agriculture to: (a) investigate methods of clearing cut over lands in order to determine the most efficient and economical methods therefor; (b) experiment with mechanical devices and with explosives to determine the easiest, quickest, cheapest and safest methods, under varying conditions in this state, of clearing cut over lands, and build and create, for such experimental purposes, land clearing devices; (c) demonstrate the methods found to be most efficient and economical; (d) cooperate generally with any person, firm or corporation who may make suitable offer to aid or assist in such investigational and demonstrational work; (e) charge and*

collect a sum not to exceed actual cost for any such investigational or demonstrational work done on any parcel or tract of land; and (f) to do any or all things necessary for the furtherance of the purposes of this section.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 659

AN ACT to renumber section 1164a of the statutes to be subsection 1 of said section, to renumber section 1210b to be subsection 1 of said section, to create subsection 2 of section 1164a and subsection 2 of section 1210b of the statutes, to amend section 1087—45 of the statutes, relating to actions to avoid or set aside tax assessments and to reassessments thereunder or in connection therewith, and appeals to review local assessments, and to amend section 1210b of the statutes.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1164a of the statutes is renumbered to be subsection 1 of said section, and section 1210b of the statutes is renumbered to be subsection 1 of said section.

SECTION 2. A new subsection is added to section 1164a and a new subsection is added to section 1210b of the statutes to read: (Section 1164a) 2. If however, in any such action now pending or which may be begun hereafter the evidence enables the court to determine, with reasonable certainty, the amount of taxes which were justly chargeable against the lands involved in the action, the court, in its discretion, may proceed to judgment without staying proceedings or ordering a reassessment, if it finds that it is for the best interests of all parties to the action that it should do so.

(Section 1210b) 2. If however, in any such action now pending or which may be begun hereafter the evidence enables the court to determine, with reasonable certainty, the amount of taxes which were justly chargeable against the lands involved in the action, the court, in its discretion, may proceed to judgment without staying proceedings or ordering a reassessment, if it finds that it is for the best interests of all parties to the action that it should do so.

SECTION 3. Section 1087—45 of the statutes is amended by striking out the words "from investigation made on its own