

while in the service of the state oil inspection bureau and engaged in fighting fire which threatened to destroy the state oil inspection station No. 9 located south of Kenosha on highway No. 41. Acceptance of said amounts shall operate as a full and complete release to the state of any claim on the part of said Paul L. Hofmeister and Elmer Lindh on account of damages sustained while fighting such fire.

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CHAPTER 396.

AN ACT to renumber 77.13 to be 77.13 (1); to amend 77.13 (1) as renumbered, and to create 77.13 (2) of the statutes, relating to eligibility for entrance to and withdrawal of county owned lands from forest crop lands and reimbursements to the state of amounts paid on such withdrawn lands.

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

SECTION 1. 77.13 of the statutes is renumbered 77.13 (1) and amended to read:

77.13 (1) Any county which has title to any lands eligible to registration as forest crop lands shall be deemed an owner as this term is used in this chapter and may register * * * such lands under the provisions of this chapter in the same manner and on the same basis as other owners, except that any such county shall not be required to pay the acreage share prescribed in section 77.04 and the real estate tax prescribed in subsection (2) of section 77.10 on any of its lands registered as forest crop lands. * * *

SECTION 2. 77.13 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

77.13 (2) Any county which has lands registered as forest crop lands may withdraw them after a public hearing conducted by the conservation commission at such times and places and after such notice as determined by the commission. At the hearing all evidence shall be received and reports of investigations entered. The commission shall thereupon make findings of fact and submit recommendations relative to such proposed withdrawal to the county board which proposed the withdrawal.

Upon petition for withdrawal of such lands by the county board and the report of the commission on such hearing the withdrawal of such lands from forest crop lands for private sale or public purposes shall require a two-thirds vote of the members elected to the board. On such voluntary withdrawal and sale the amounts previously paid to counties for forestry purposes on such lands withdrawn shall be deducted from the proceeds of the sales or if for public purposes, deducted from the next payment of state contribution to the town in which the withdrawn lands are located. No county clerk shall issue a deed conveying county forest crop lands until such lands have been withdrawn, and any deed issued contrary hereto shall be void.

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CHAPTER 397.

AN ACT to amend 27.115 of the statutes, relating to the use of certain lands for the promotion of boating.

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

27.115 of the statutes is amended to read:

27.115 (1) Any city, however incorporated, *or any county*, which has heretofore acquired, or which may hereafter acquire, title to any submerged land, constituting the bed of any lake, with or without authority to fill in the same, for public park and boulevard purposes, is hereby given the right and authority to grant and convey to any incorporated yacht club of this state, organized without capital stock, and whose principal purposes and objects are development and encouragement of boating, sailing, yacht building, naval architecture and science, and nautical knowledge, customs and beliefs, or kindred purposes, for its exclusive occupancy, use and enjoyment, such part of such land as the common council of such city, *or the county board of such county*, shall by resolution designate, or to grant such part of such land to any such yacht club corporation in exchange for any lands such yacht club corporation may own or occupy, as may be agreed upon, and as the common council of such city, *or the county board of such county*, shall by resolution provide.