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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

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**Chapter 32.**CHAP. 32.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act further to provide for the education of youth."

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECT. 1. A special act, approved February twenty-seven, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, entitled "an act further to provide for the education of youth," is hereby amended in section one, by inserting after the word "annually" and before the word "seven" the words "not less than three or more than."

School  
directors.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved March 29, 1853.]

**Chapter 33.**

An act relating to married women.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Any married woman, whose husband is under guardianship, is hereby empowered to release by deed duly executed by her alone, her right of dower in his estate.

Right of  
dower, re-  
lease of

[Approved March 29, 1853.]

**Chapter 34.**

An act additional to chapter one hundred and forty-five of the revised statutes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECT. 1. The act entitled "an act to amend the one hundred and forty-fifth chapter of the revised statutes," approved the tenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words, "and the sum so found and stated, shall for the purposes of the aforesaid chapter be deemed and taken to be the estimated value of the premises. And in estimating the increased value of the premises by reason of the buildings and improvements, the jury shall find and in their verdict state the value of the premises at the

R. S., ch. 145,  
section 27,  
amended.

CHAP. 34.

time of the trial over and above the value thereof at the time when the tenant or those under whom he claims first entered thereon, and the sum so found and stated, shall for the purposes of said chapter, be deemed and taken to be assessed for the buildings and improvements," so that said act will read as follows:

Premises held by tenant more than 20 years, original value, how determined.

The one hundred and forty-fifth chapter of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding to the twenty-seventh section thereof the words following: "and if the tenant claiming compensation for buildings and improvements and making a request for an estimation by the jury of the increased value of the premises, by reason thereof, shall also alledge and prove, that he and those under whom he claims, have had the premises in actual possession for more than twenty years prior to the commencement of the action, the jury may find that fact and in estimating the value of the premises, provided no buildings have been erected or improvements made thereon by the tenant or those under whom he claims, shall find and in their verdict state, what was the value of the premises at the time when the tenant or those under whom he claims first entered thereon. And the sum so found and stated shall for the purposes of the aforesaid chapter, be deemed and taken to be the estimated value of the premises. And in estimating the increased value of the premises by reason of the buildings and improvements, the jury shall find and in their verdict state the value of the premises at the time of the trial over and above the value thereof at the time when the tenant or those under whom he claims first entered thereon. And the sum so found and stated shall for the purposes of said chapter, be deemed and taken to be assessed for the buildings and improvements.

--increased value, how determined.

Section 28 amended.

SECT. 2. The twenty-eighth section of the one hundred and forty-fifth chapter is hereby amended by inserting between the words "jury" and "then" in the fourth line, the following words, "and shall file with the clerk of the court for the use of the tenant, a bond in the penal sum of three times the estimated value of the premises, with sureties approved by the court, conditional to refund the estimated value aforesaid with interest to the tenant, his heirs or assigns, if they shall be evicted from the land within twenty years, by a title better than that of the demandant," so that said section will read as follows:

If demandant elect to abandon premises.

If after such verdict has been given, the demandant shall at the same term of the court or at a subsequent term, if the cause shall be continued, make his election on record to abandon the premises to the tenant at the value estimated by the jury, and shall file with the clerk of the court for the use of the tenant, a

bond in the penal sum of three times the estimated value of the premises with sureties approved by the court, conditional to refund the estimated value aforesaid with interest to the tenant, his heirs or assigns, if they shall be evicted from the land within twenty years, by a title better than that of the demandant, then judgment shall be rendered against the tenant, for the sum so estimated by the jury and costs.

—bond of.

Judgment  
against tenant.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved March 29, 1853.]

### Chapter 35.

An act to provide for the payment of bounties for the destruction of wolves and bears, and to prevent frauds in the payment of the same.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECT. 1. There shall be paid for every wolf killed in this state a bounty of five dollars, and for every bear killed in this state a bounty of two dollars, to be paid to the persons killing the same, on complying with the provisions of this act, by the treasurer of any city, town, or plantation in this state.

Bounty on  
wolves and  
bears estab-  
lished.

SECT. 2. No such bounty shall be paid unless the person claiming the same, within ten days after he has killed such wolf or bear, or within ten days after he has returned from the hunting in which he killed such wolf or bear into any city, town or plantation, shall exhibit the entire skin of such wolf or bear, with the ears and nose upon the same entire and in as perfect a state as when killed, excepting natural decay, to the treasurer of the city, town or plantation, of whom he claims the payment of the bounty, and shall sign a certificate and make oath to the same, which oath such treasurer is hereby authorized to administer, in which he shall state that he killed the wolf or bear, the skin of which is thus exhibited, and the time when and the place where the same was killed, with such description of the place as will shew it to be within this state, and the said treasurer shall thereupon cut off the whole of the ears and the whole of the nose from the skin of such wolf or bear, and entirely destroy the same by burning, after which he shall pay the bounty and take the receipt of the claimant therefor, upon the same paper upon which the certificate so made and signed by him is contained. And the said treasurer shall immediately make upon

—when paid.