

VACATING CEMETERY IN TOWNSHIP (EXCERPT)

Act 49 of 1895

128.33 Hearing; burden of proof; order, recording.

Sec. 3. That the hearing on such petition may be continued from term to term, in the discretion of the court, without further notice; that all testimony may be taken in open court, or the taking of the same may be referred, in the discretion of the court, to a circuit court commissioner of the proper county; that, under the discretion of the court, proper issues may be made for the determination of all questions of law and fact, and all questions of compensation to any person or persons to be affected by such proceedings, and all questions touching the compensation to be paid by the person or persons to whom said premises or any part thereof shall be sold after the same shall have been vacated as such cemetery, and all issues of fact may be tried by a jury, or 3 commissioners, if the court shall so order, and any person adversely interested may cause himself to be made defendant to such petition. In all cases where reference shall be made to a jury or commissioners to determine the compensation to be paid to or by any persons as aforesaid, the proceedings upon such reference, shall, so far as practicable, be like those had in cases where a jury is impaneled or commissioners are selected, to ascertain and determine the necessity of taking lands, franchises, and other property for the construction of railroads, and to appraise the damages and compensation to be allowed therefor. If upon hearing, such petitioner shall produce satisfactory evidence to the court that the notice required by this act has been given, and that such cemetery should be vacated in whole or in part, as a place of burial, for any of the reasons given in this act for vacating cemeteries, such court shall thereupon order that such cemetery shall be vacated, in whole or in part, as a place of burial. That a copy of such order, certified by the register of such court under his seal, shall be recorded by the petitioners in the office of the register of deeds of the proper county.

History: 1895, Act 49, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895;—CL 1897, 2389;—CL 1915, 2165;—CL 1929, 2659;—CL 1948, 128.33.