

**CRAWFORD COUNTY LAND (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 172 of 1913**

**32.223 Crawford county land; uses, abandonment, reversion to donors, removal of buildings, timber rights.**

Sec. 3. The said tract of land shall be used for the following purposes:

First, As a permanent encampment and maneuvering ground for the militia of this state;

Second, As a game preserve for the breeding and protection of game;

Third, As a forest reserve;

Fourth, For the establishment of fresh air camps, or for other recreational or health giving purposes by any state institution, county, city, village or township.

In case the said tract of land shall be abandoned as a permanent encampment and maneuvering ground for the state militia, the land shall revert to the donor or donors in fee simple, but in case of such reversion, the state shall have the right to take and remove therefrom, any building or other state property that may have been constructed or placed thereon by it, or to sell the same as may be deemed advisable by the board or body having control thereof. The state shall not be deemed to have abandoned said lands or any part thereof by reason of holding any encampment of the said militia at any other place within or without the state when the assembling of such militia elsewhere has been ordered by the President of the United States, the war department or other federal authority having jurisdiction of such forces, or when the safety or the health or lives in the state militia might be prejudiced or endangered by reason of the prevalence of disease or fire in or near said county of Crawford. No abandonment shall be deemed to be complete, unless the proper military authority of the state in time of peace shall have refused or failed for 5 successive years to hold a camp of instruction on said tract of land. As a further condition in the acceptance of the gift of said tract of land, the donor or donors thereof shall be permitted to cut and remove from said land all merchantable timber for and during the period of 5 years next after the execution and delivery of the deed conveying said lands to the state of Michigan. All other timber on said lands shall be the property of and be protected by the state. Nothing herein shall be construed as prohibiting the cutting, removal and use of so much of said timber as may be necessary for military purposes, and in the protection of game or in the bettering of forestry on said lands.

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