

**LANDS GRANTED TO STATE FOR RAILROAD PURPOSES (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 197 of 1883**

**322.452 Proofs of purchase and possession; made to commissioner of state land office; attendance of witnesses.**

Sec. 2. Proofs of such purchase shall be made to the commissioner of the state land office by the production of conveyances, printed or written contracts, or duly certified copies thereof, if the same shall have been recorded, or in case of loss, without record, by at least 2 disinterested witnesses satisfactory to said commissioner of the state land office of such loss or of the existence of such conveyance or contract previous to the dates mentioned in section 1. Proof of such actual and continued possession and improvements by such claimant or his grantors shall also be made to said commissioner of the state land office by at least 2 disinterested witnesses, and said commissioner of the state land office in his discretion may require the personal attendance of such witnesses or receive sworn statements of such facts.

**History:** 1883, Act 197, Eff. Sept. 8, 1883;—How. 5466b;—CL 1897, 1423;—CL 1915, 637;—CL 1929, 5986;—CL 1948, 322.452.

**Compiler's note:** The office of commissioner of the state land office, referred to in this section, was abolished and the powers and duties thereof transferred to the public domain commission by MCL 322.221. The public domain commission was subsequently abolished and the powers and duties thereof transferred to the department of conservation by MCL 299.2. The department of conservation was subsequently transferred to the department of natural resources by MCL 16.352.