

**ENLARGEMENT OF TOWNSHIP BURIAL GROUNDS (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 272 of 1909**

**128.155 Jury sworn by judge; subpoenas for witnesses; visiting and examining premises; jurors' certificate; signatures and indorsement; judge's certificate.**

Sec. 5.

(1) The 12 persons selected as the jury shall be sworn by the judge in attendance, to inquire, ascertain, and determine, faithfully and impartially, the just compensation to be made for the real estate required by the board of trustees for the burying ground, and the necessity for using the same in the manner proposed by the board of trustees.

(2) Subpoenas for witnesses may be issued, and their attendance compelled by the judge in the same manner as may be done by a circuit court or by a district court in civil cases.

(3) The jury may visit and examine the premises, and from examination and other evidence presented before it, shall ascertain and determine the necessity for using the real estate in the manner and for the purpose proposed by the board of trustees, and the just compensation to be made for the real estate. If the jury finds that it is necessary that the real estate shall be used in the manner or for the purpose proposed by the board of trustees, the jury shall sign a certificate in writing, stating that it is necessary that the real estate, describing it, should be used as a burying ground or as an addition to a burying ground already established in the township, or as an approach to the burying ground, and the sum to be paid by the township as the just compensation for the same.

(4) The judge shall sign and attach to and indorse upon the certificate thus subscribed by the jurors, a certificate stating the time when and the place where the jury assembled, that the jurors were sworn by the judge as required, and that they subscribed the certificate. The judge also shall state in the certificate who appeared for the respective parties on the hearing and inquiry and shall deliver the certificates to the township clerk, or to a member of the board of trustees of the township.

**History:** 1909, Act 272, Eff. Sept. 1, 1909 ;-- CL 1915, 5127 ;-- CL 1929, 3871 ;-- CL 1948, 128.155 ;-- Am. 1980, Act 380, Imd. Eff. Jan. 2, 1981