

Tax Commission.

CHAPTER 108.

COMMISSIONERS TO BE APPOINTED TO EQUALIZE VALUES OF TAXABLE PROPERTY.

JOINT RESOLUTION Providing for the Appointment of a Tax Commission.

Be it resolved by the Council and House of Representatives of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Dakota:

That three commissioners be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislative Council, whose duty it shall be, to carefully examine into all sources of revenue and ascertain and report whether or not all classes of property are equally assessed and taxed under the present law.

To ascertain and report whether the various corporations in the Territory whose capital stock is owned outside of the Territory, are paying their just shares of the public burdens.

To ascertain and report what new sources of revenues may justly be secured for territorial, county, municipal or educational purposes.

Resolved, That said commission be authorized to report to the Governor, to be by him transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior, or any department of the U. S. Government, any evasion of the U. S. Laws whereby the revenues due to the Territory are unjustly decreased; also that said Commission report to the present or next Legislative Session, bills with detailed statements printed in pamphlet form for equalizing taxation throughout the Territory.

Resolved, That said Tax Commission be authorized to employ a secretary, who can write short-hand; also to summon and compel the attendance of witnesses, with such books and papers as may be required for a thorough investigation of the present or proposed modes of taxation.

Resolved, That each Commissioner be allowed and paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated six dollars for each day actually employed in conducting the aforesaid investigation, and making reports, together with the actual expenses incurred while traveling or away from his usual place of abode, to be made up monthly and certified under oath to the Territorial

Auditor. The pay of the secretary and other expenses of the Commission to be certified by the Commission and paid out of the treasury in like manner.

Approved, March 9, 1883.

Telegrams.

CHAPTER 109.

AN ACT to Amend Section Seven Hundred and Eighteen (718) of the Penal Code.

Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Dakota:

§ 1. PENALTY FOR BETRAYING CONTENTS OF TELEGRAM.] That section seven hundred and eighteen of the Penal Code be, and the same is, hereby amended to read as follows:

Section seven hundred and eighteen. Every person who discloses the contents of any telegraphic dispatch or any part thereof addressed to another person, without the permission of such person, except upon the lawful order of a Court or the Judge thereof, to his loss, injury, or disgrace, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

§ 2. All acts and parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

§ 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved, February 21, 1883.