

RAILWAY POLICE.

CHAPTER 132.

RAILWAY COMPANIES AUTHORIZED TO APPOINT POLICE UNDER CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS.

AN ACT To Authorize Railway Companies to Appoint Police Officers.

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

§ 1. RAILWAY COMPANIES APPOINT POLICE—POWERS CONFERRED.] Railway companies organized under the laws of this Territory, or doing business within the Territory, are hereby authorized and empowered at their own expense to appoint and employ policemen at such stations or other places on the lines of their railroads within this Territory, as said companies may deem necessary for the protection of their property, and the preservation of order on their premises, and in and about their cars, depots, depot grounds, yards, buildings or other structures; and said policemen shall have power and authority to arrest, with or without warrant, any person or persons who shall commit any offense against the laws of this Territory, or the ordinances of any town, city, village or municipality, when such offense shall have been committed upon the premises of said companies, or in and about their cars, depots, depot grounds, yards, buildings or other structures; and shall also have the authority of sheriffs, constables and peace officers in regard to the arrest and apprehension of any such offenders, in or about the premises or appurtenances aforesaid; but in case of the arrest by said policemen of any person without warrant, they shall forthwith take such offender before some justice of the peace or other magistrate having jurisdiction, and make complaint against said offender according to law. Nothing in this act contained shall be construed as restricting the lawful rights, powers or privileges of any sheriff, constable, policeman, or peace officer within their respective jurisdiction, and for the official acts of such policeman or policemen the railroad company making such appointment shall be held responsible to the same extent as for the acts of any of its general agents or employees.

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

Approved, March 11, 1887.