FIRE DEPARTMENT.

CHAPTER 66. [S. B. No. 96.]

APPORTIONMENT OF FIRE INSURANCE TAX.

AN ACT to Amend Section 3 of Chapter 53 of the Session Laws of 1887, Entitled "An Act to Appropriate, for the Support of Fire Departments in Each City, Town or Village, a Part of the Tax Paid by Fire Insurance Companies Upon Premiums Received in Any Such Town, City or Village."

Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] That Section 3 of Chapter 53 of the Session Laws of 1887 be amended so as to read as follows:

§ 3. TAX-HOW PAID.] The said auditor, on the first day of July thereafter, shall issue and deliver to the treasurer in each city, town or village, having an organized fire department entitled to the benefits under this act, his warrant upon the State Treasurer for an amount equal to 2 per cent. of the premiums received upon policies issued on property in any such city, town or village, which warrants shall be numbered consecutively, and shall each specify the date of its issuance, and to whom payable, and such warrants shall be paid by the State Treasurer to the treasurer of any such city, town or village upon presentation thereof, and when so received by said treasurer, the same shall be paid over to said company or companies, in equal proportion, having a membership of at least fifteen members for a period of eight months prior to the date of the certificate of the clerk, as provided in Section 1 of this act, and having the management of at least one steam, hand or fire engine, hook and ladder truck or hose cart, upon the written order of such company or companies, approved by the city council, trustees or other governing body of such city, town or village; Provided, That in cities, towns and villages having a paid fire department, the amount so received by the city, town or village treasurer shall be placed in a fund to be disbursed by the city council, trustees or other governing body of such city, town or village in maintaining such fire department.

§ 2. EMERGENCY.] Whereas, there is no sufficient law covering this subject; therefore, an emergency exists and this act shall be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved, March 6, 1893.