

STATE WEATHER BUREAU.

CHAPTER 127.

[H. B. No. 165.]

WEATHER AND CROP SERVICE.

AN ACT to Establish a Weather and Crop Service for the Collection and Dissemination of Crop Statistics and Meteorological Data.

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

§ 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF SERVICE.] That there be and hereby is established in the State of North Dakota a Weather and Crop Service, co-operating with the Weather Bureau of the United States, for the purpose of collecting crop statistics and meteorological data, and more widely disseminating the weather forecast and storm and frost warnings, and to promote a general knowledge of meteorological science and the climatology of the State.

§ 2. CENTRAL STATION AT CAPITAL.] That the central station of said Weather and Crop Service shall be at the capital city of the State of North Dakota, under charge of a director, the said director to be an official of the United States Weather Bureau who may be designated for that purpose by the Chief of the Weather Bureau at Washington, D. C.

§ 3. DUTY OF DIRECTOR—MONTHLY REPORT.] That the said director shall establish volunteer stations throughout the State, to the number of one or more in each county, and shall appoint observers thereat; and the said director shall supervise said volunteer stations, receive reports therefrom of meteorological events and crop conditions, tabulate the same for permanent record, and shall issue for free distribution weekly weather crop bulletins during the season from April 1 to October 15, and he shall also edit and cause to be published for free distribution a monthly weather report, containing meteorological and agricultural matter of public interest and educational value; *Provided, however,* That not more than 500 copies of said report shall be published each month.

§ 4. PRINTING.] That said printing shall be provided for as required by Chapter 119 of the Laws of the State of North Dakota for 1890, entitled "An act in relation to printing and binding," etc., approved March 3, 1890.

§ 5. ANNUAL REPORT.] That the said director shall also compile an annual report, addressed to the Governor, to be printed and bound in such number as the Commissioners of Public Print-

ing may direct; and said report to contain a complete review and summary of the results of the year's labors and observations.

§ 6. MONEYS, HOW EXPENDED.] That all moneys appropriated under this act shall be expended upon the order of the director of the Weather and Crop Service, subject to the approval of the Governor of the State of North Dakota.

§ 7. APPROPRIATION.] That there is hereby appropriated, out of any funds in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated, or as much thereof as may be necessary, the sum of \$1,000, for two years from the date of passage and approval thereof, for expenses of the Weather and Crop Service herein provided for, the said amount of \$1,000 to be expended under the direction of the director provided for in Section 2 of this act.

§ 8. EMERGENCY.] Whereas, an emergency exists in that there is no provision for compilation or publication of any crop or weather reports in the State of North Dakota, this act shall take effect on and after its passage and approval.

Approved, March 13, 1893.

TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE LINES.

CHAPTER 128.

[S. B. No. 44.]

UNLAWFUL USE OF LINES.

AN ACT Forbidding the Use of Telegraph or Telephone Lines for Certain Purposes and Providing a Penalty Therefor.

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

§ 1. UNLAWFUL USE—PENALTY.] That whoever shall willfully and maliciously cut, break or tap or make any connection with, or read or copy by the use of telegraph or telephone instruments or otherwise, in any unauthorized manner, any message, either social or business, sporting, commercial or other news reports, from any telegraph or telephone line, wire or cable, so unlawfully cut or tapped in this State, or make unauthorized use of the same, or who shall willfully and maliciously prevent, obstruct or delay by any means or contrivance whatsoever, the sending, conveyance or delivery, in this State, of any authorized communication, sporting, commercial or other news report, by or through any telegraph or telephone line, cable or wire, under the control of any telegraph or telephone company doing business in this State; or who shall willfully and maliciously aid, agree with, employ, or conspire with