

so appointed shall hold office until a successor to such office has been appointed by the board of county commissioners.

§ 2. REPEAL.] All acts and parts of acts in conflict with these acts are hereby repealed.

Approved February 24, 1899.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

CHAPTER 59.

[H. B. 119.]

FURNISHING OF SUPPLIES.

AN ACT to Amend Sections 1906 and 1925 of the Revised Codes of North Dakota, Relating to Powers of the Board of County Commissioners in Furnishing of Blanks, Blank Books, and Other Stationery for the Use of County Officers.

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

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] That section 1906 of the Revised Codes be amended so as to read as follows:

§ 1906. In addition to the powers hereinbefore mentioned such board shall have power:

1. To levy a tax not exceeding the amount authorized by law and to liquidate indebtedness.
2. To audit the accounts of all officers having the care, management, collection or disbursement of any money belonging to the county or appropriated for its benefit.
3. To construct and repair bridges, and to open, lay out, vacate and change highways in the cases provided by law; to establish election precincts in its county and to appoint the judges of election in cases provided by law; and to equalize the assessments of the county in the manner provided by law.
4. To furnish the necessary blank books, blanks and stationery for the clerk of the District Court, county auditor, register of deeds, county treasurer, county judge, sheriff and state's attorney of its county, to be paid out of the county treasury; also a fire proof safe, when in its judgment the same shall be advisable, in which to keep all the books, records, vouchers and papers pertaining to the business of the board; provided, that the county auditor, county treasurer, and the chairman of the board of county commissioners together shall constitute a committee, empowered and required to purchase and provide all necessary blanks, books and other stationery for the use of all county officers in their official capacity.

5. To do and perform such other duties as now are or may hereafter be prescribed by law.

§ 2. AMENDMENT.] That section 1925 of the Revised Codes be amended so as to read as follows:

§ 1925. The board shall cause an advertisement for bids for the erection of such building to be published for at least three months prior to the opening of the bids in some newspaper published in the county and in such other newspaper in the state and for such period as the board may deem advisable. Such advertisement shall state where the plans and specifications may be examined and the time allowed for the completion of such building, also the time when the bids will be opened and passed upon by the board, which must be at one of its regular sessions. The lowest responsible bid must in all cases be accepted, and the contracts for such buildings shall be so conditioned that not more than one-half of the payment for the same shall be made until the contract shall be executed and the buildings completed to the satisfaction and acceptance of the board. Such board may further require a bond to accompany each bid, conditioned that the bidder will enter into a contract with approved sureties for the performance of the work in accordance with the plans and specifications in case his bid is accepted. The provisions of this section shall apply to all contracts for fuel and all other articles for the use of the county, or labor to be performed therefor, when the amount to be paid for the same during any year exceeds the sum of one hundred dollars; provided, that in all such cases advertisement for bids therefor need not be for more than three consecutive weeks in some weekly newspaper published in such county.

§ 3. EMERGENCY.] Whereas, an emergency exists in that there is a conflict in the present laws relating to the duties of the board of county commissioners and it will be necessary for the purchasing committee created by this act to purchase supplies prior to July 1, 1899; therefore, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved March 9, 1899.

CHAPTER 60.

[S. B. 165.]

DUTIES OF BOARD.

AN ACT to Amend Sections 2533, 2534 and 2535 of the Revised Codes of the State of North Dakota, Relating to the Division of Organized Townships and Prescribing the Duties of the Board of County Commissioners in Relation Thereto.

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

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] That sections 2533, 2534 and 2535 of the

Revised Codes of the States of North Dakota be and the same are hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 2533. CIVIL TOWNSHIPS, HOW FORMED.] Any congressional township or fraction thereof, bordering on a lake, containing more than eighteen sections of land, which has residing therein one hundred or more inhabitants, and forms a part of an organized civil township may be set apart and organized as a separate civil township in the manner herein provided and when duly organized shall have the same powers and privileges and be subject to the same liabilities and restrictions as other civil townships except as herein otherwise provided; but no civil township shall be so formed under the provisions of this article, as to leave residing in the township from which it is separated less than one hundred inhabitants. Provided, such separation shall be made only upon congressional township lines.

§ 2534. PETITION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. NOTICE PUBLISHED.] The legal voters residing in such congressional or fractional township bordering on a lake, may petition the board of county commissioners of the county in which it is situated, at any regular meeting of said board, to be set off as a separate civil township, upon at least thirty days previous notice thereof, and of the time and place of application, which notice shall be published at least three times in the newspaper in which the proceedings of said board are published, or, if there is none such, notice shall be posted in at least three public places in the proposed new township, and as many more elsewhere in the township effected thereby, one of which shall be at the place where the last election was held.

§ 2535. WHEN BOARDS SHALL SET OFF TOWNSHIPS. ELECTION.] Upon presentation of such petition signed by a majority of the legal voters residing within such proposed township and due proof of notice as herein provided and of the further fact that the territory has the requisite number of inhabitants, and the petition the requisite number of competent signers as aforesaid, the board shall proceed to set off said congressional or fractional township bordering on a lake as a separate civil township and constitute the same an election precinct, and designate the place of holding elections and the time and place of holding the first township meeting therein, the name adopted of such township, and notice thereof shall be given as in other cases. The board of county commissioners, within thirty days after such election, shall meet as a board of arbitrators together with the county auditor and judge of the county court and determine, subject to appeal to the District Court, upon a just and fair distribution of the property and apportionment of the debt of said township between the townships so formed from said original township.

§ 2. REPEAL.] All acts or parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

§ 3. EMERGENCY.] Whereas, there is now no adequate laws providing for the division of civil townships, an emergency exists;

therefore this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved March 8, 1899.

CHAPTER 61.

[H. B. 101.]

REWARD FOR CRIMINALS.

AN ACT Authorizing Board of County Commissioners to Offer Reward for the Apprehension and Conviction of Certain Criminals.

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

§ 1. MAY OFFER REWARD.] The board of county commissioners of any county of this state may offer a reward of a sum not exceeding fifty dollars nor less than ten dollars for the apprehension and conviction of each person violating any of the provisions of section 7589 of the Revised Codes, or who takes by fraud or stealth any wheat, oats, rye, barley, flax or other grain, or any other property, the property of another, with intent to deprive the owner thereof.

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

Approved March 9, 1899.

COUNTY COURTS.

CHAPTER 62.

[S. B. 139.]

INCREASED JURISDICTION.

AN ACT to Amend Section 6615 of the Revised Codes of 1895, Providing for the Compensation of Judges of County Courts Having Increased Jurisdiction.

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

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] That section 6615 of the Revised Codes of 1895 be amended to read as follows:

§ 6615. As compensation for their services under this act there shall be allowed and paid to the judges of county courts having civil and criminal jurisdiction in all counties having a population of