

## BAR EXAMINERS.

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### CHAPTER 50.

[H. B. No. 70—Ryan.]

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#### BOARD OF BAR EXAMINERS.

AN ACT Creating a State Board of Bar Examiners and Providing for Their Appointment, Compensation and Duties.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

§ 1. STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN LAW APPOINTED BY SUPREME COURT.] As soon as possible after the passage, approval and taking effect of this act the justices of the supreme court of this state shall appoint from the members of the bar of this state, resident therein and who shall be learned in the law, three persons to constitute a state board of examiners in law.

§ 2. TERM OF OFFICE. VACANCY, HOW FILLED.] The term of office of the members of the said board shall be as follows: One shall be appointed for two years, one shall be appointed for four years and one shall be appointed for six years, and their successors shall receive their appointment in a like manner for a term of six years each; but in case of a vacancy occurring by death or otherwise there shall be appointed in a like manner a person to serve through the unexpired term of the member to whose place he is appointed.

§ 3. OFFICERS OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC EXAMINATION TO BE HELD AT LEAST TWICE A YEAR. RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS TO BE KEPT.] The said board shall elect one of its members president. The clerk of the supreme court shall be ex-officio secretary and treasurer of said board. The said board shall, at least two times in each year, hold public examinations for admission to the bar of this state, which examinations shall be both written and oral, in such places and at such times in this state as the said board, or a majority thereof, shall direct. The said board shall keep a record of all its proceedings and also a record of all applications for admission to the bar, and shall enroll in a book kept for that purpose, the name of each person admitted as an attorney at law.

§ 4. REPORT OF EXAMINATIONS TO BE MADE TO SUPREME COURT, WHICH SHALL AUTHORIZE CERTIFICATE OF ADMISSION TO THE BAR TO BE ISSUED.] The said board shall, as soon as practicable thereafter, report the result of all examinations to the supreme court, with such recommendations for admission as to the said board shall seem just, and the supreme court shall, after considering said report and said

recommendations, by order, either in term time or in vacation, authorize the issuance of certificates of admission to the bar, upon taking the oath of office at such time and place as such order may provide.

§ 5. EXAMINATION FEE, HOW APPLIED.] The said board shall receive from each person applying for examination the sum of ten dollars as a fee therefor and all fees received by said board shall be deposited with the treasurer of said board and applied toward the expenses and compensation of the respective members of said board. The secretary of said board shall be allowed such compensation and expenses for his services from the fees so received as the said board shall determine.

§ 6. SALARY OF BOARD.] There shall be paid out of the treasury of said board to each examiner appointed as aforesaid a compensation not exceeding ten dollars per day and his actual necessary expenses in going to, holding and returning from any such examination; provided, that all such expenses shall be paid from the fees received by the board under the provisions of this act and no part of the compensation or expenses provided for herein shall be paid out of the state treasury.

§ 7. NO ONE ALLOWED TO PRACTICE AS AN ATTORNEY HEREAFTER WHO HAS NOT COMPLIED WITH RULES PRESCRIBED BY SUPREME COURT.] No person shall hereafter be admitted to practice as an attorney and counsellor at law, or to commence, conduct or defend any action or proceeding in any of the courts of record of this state, in which he is not a party concerned, unless he has complied with and been admitted under and pursuant to such rules as the supreme court of this state shall prescribe.

§ 8. REPEAL.] All acts and parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are expressly repealed.

§ 9. EMERGENCY.] Whereas, there is no provision of law for the appointment of a state board of examiners in law, and the duties of such board now devolve upon the judges of the supreme court, and it is deemed best to relieve the said judges of this labor, therefore an emergency exists, and this act shall take effect from and after its passage and approval.

Approved February 18, 1905.