RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS

CHAPTER 213.

[S. B. No. 282-McArthur]

MEETINGS OF RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

AN ACT to Establish Regular Sessions for State Board of Railway Commissioners and Fixing the Time, Manner and Place Where Such Sessions Shall Be Held, and Otherwise Defining Their Powers and Duties; Also Defining the Duties of the Attorney General in Relation Thereto.

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

§ 1. SESSIONS, HELD WHERE AND TIME.] The board of railroad commissioners shall hold five sessions annually for the purpose of hearing complaints and taking evidence. The first session shall be held in the city of Bismarck, county of Burleigh, commencing on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of each year. The second session shall be held in the city of Minot, county of Ward, commencing on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April of each year. The third session shall be held in the city of Fargo, county of Cass, commencing on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in July of each year. The fourth session shall be held in the city of Grand Forks, county of Grand Forks, commencing on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in October of each year. The fifth session shall be held in the city of Carrington, in the county of Foster, commencing on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in December of each year; provided, further, that each of said sessions shall be held for a period of not less than three days, and each session shall begin at 9 o'clock a. m. When practicable, such sessions shall be held in the court houses of the respective counties.

§ 2. SPECIAL SESSIONS.] Whenever from any cause it appears that the public interest demands that a special session of said board be held, the governor may call a special meeting of said board, to be held at any of the places aforenamed, by giving ten days' previous notice thereof by advertisement published in a newspaper at the place where meeting is to be held.

§ 3. EMPLOY STENOGRAPHER.] The board of railroad commissioners is hereby authorized to employ a stenographer whenever said board shall require such services in connection with their official duties. § 4. REPORT TO GOVERNOR.] It shall be the duty of the board to report in writing its findings to the governor within ten days after the close of each session.

§ 5. DUTY OF ATTORNEY GENERAL.] It shall be the duty of the attorney general or his deputy to appear for and represent the state at all sessions of the board.

§ 6. REPEAL.] All acts or parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

§ 7. EMERGENCY.] Whereas, an emergency exists this act shall take effect on and after its passage and approval.

Approved March 19, 1907.

REVENUE AND TAXATION

CHAPTER 214.

[S. B. No. 306—Simpson]

ASSESSMENT OF COAL MINES.

AN ACT to Provide for the Assessment of Lignite Coal and Minerals Underlying Lands in Cases of Severed Ownership.

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

§ 1. ASSESSORS LIST COAL MINES, WHEN.] The several assessors within the state shall list for taxation all lignite coal and minerals underlying any and all lands, the ownership of which lignite coal and minerals has been severed from the ownership of the overlying strata, and assess each division of lignite coal and minerals in the county in which it actually lies.

§ 2. EMERGENCY.] An emergency exists in this, that there is now no adequate law taxing lignite coal and minerals reserved sales of land, therefore, this act shall be in force from and after its passage and approval.

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