

RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS

CHAPTER 194.

[S. B. No. 212—McArthur]

SESSIONS OF RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

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

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 at least five sessions annually for the purpose of hearing complaints and taking evidence. The first session shall be held at their office at the state capitol 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 nine o'clock a. m. When practicable, such sessions shall be held in the court house 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 president of the commission or the governor may call a special meeting of said board, to be held at any of the places aforementioned, 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, and there is hereby appropriated the sum of twelve hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to defray the expense of such stenographic work for the present biennial period.

§ 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 15, 1909.

CHAPTER 195.

[H. B. No. 348—Johnson, of Bottineau]

SALARY SECRETARY RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

AN ACT Fixing the Salary of the Secretary of the Board of Railroad Commissioners and Requiring Him to Reside at the Capital City.

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

§ 1. SALARY FIXED.] The secretary of the board of railroad commissioners shall receive an annual salary of two thousand dollars and shall reside at the capital city. He shall have no other occupation, but devote his entire time to the work of the commission.

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

Approved March 16, 1909.