

CHAPTER 47.

[H. F. 343.]

APPROPRIATION FOR SALARY OF COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE AND LABOR.

AN ACT Fixing the Salary of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor.

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

§ 1. SALARY.] The Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor shall receive an annual salary of \$1,800 until such time as the salary of all State officers is readjusted.

§ 2. EMERGENCY.] An emergency existing in that no salary is fixed by law for the Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor, this act shall take effect immediately after its passage and approval.

Approved March 20, 1890.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

CHAPTER 48.

[H. F. 78.]

REGULATING NUMBER OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

AN ACT to Enable Counties to Regulate the Number of County Commissioners.

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

§ 1. COMMISSIONERS SHALL CALL AN ELECTION.] That the number of county commissioners of any county within this State may be increased to five or reduced to three whenever legal voters of said county equal to one-third of the number of legal votes cast at the last preceding general election petition the board of county commissioners to call an election for determining the number of commissioners which shall constitute such county board, it shall be the duty of the commissioners to call a special election and submit the question to vote. Notice of such election shall be given by publication in the official newspaper of the county, or

by posting notice, for a period of at least twenty days. Such election shall be held not less than sixty days prior to a general election. If the question be for an increase to five commissioners, the proposition shall be submitted in this form:

“For Five Commissioners.”

“Against Five Commissioners.”

If it be for a reduction to three, the proposition shall be in this form:

“For Three Commissioners.”

“Against Three Commissioners.”

The returns of such election shall be canvassed by the board of county commissioners within one week after said election.

§ 2. DISTRICTS.] When the returns of such election show a majority of all the legal votes cast to be for an increase from three to five, it shall then be the duty of the board of county commissioners to proceed within ten days after the vote has been canvassed, to divide the county into five districts. The districts shall be numbered from one to five, those last created being designated fourth and fifth, respectively. At the ensuing general election commissioners for such additional districts shall be elected—the commissioners in the fourth district for two years and the commissioners in the fifth district for three years; thereafter they shall hold their terms of office for three years. The tenure of office of the existing board of county commissioners shall not be affected. The district which each commissioner shall represent shall be designated by said board. When the special election results in a majority for a decrease from five to three, the existing county board shall at the end of the first two expiring terms of the same year declare such districts vacant, and at their first regular meeting thereafter proceed to divide the county into three commissioner districts, and in such division designate the district which each of the three remaining commissioners shall represent.

§ 3. All acts and parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Approved March 6, 1890.