PUBLIC OFFICERS.

CHAPTER 117.

[H. F. 187.]

SPECULATION IN OFFICE PROHIBITED.

AN ACT Relating to State, County and City Officers, to Restrain Them from Speculating in Their Offices.

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

§ 1. Who restrained from speculating in office.] That it shall be unlawful for any State Treasurer or any of his deputies or clerks, or any city treasurer or any of his deputies or clerks, or any school officer or his deputies or clerks, to buy directly or indirectly, or in anywise become a party in the purchase of or traffic in any State, county or city warrant, or any State, county, city or school script, or any bill, account claim or evidence of indebtedness against this State, or against any county or city of this state, for any sum less than the full par value expressed upon the face thereof, except such amounts of said State, county, city or school warrants as may be necessary to pay his individual taxes.

§ 2. Penalty.] That any state or city treasurer or any deputy or clerk of any such treasurer, or any county officer or any deputy or clerk of any such officer, who shall violate any of the provisions of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be fined in a sum not less than fifty

(50) dollars nor more than five hundred (500) dollars.

Approved February 12, 1890.

CHAPTER 118. [H. F. 94.]

PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO MAKE REPORTS.

AN ACT Fixing the Penalty for Willful Neglect of Officers to Make Report Required by Law and Prescribing the Duties of the Attorney General in Relation Thereto.

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

REPORTS, PENALTY FOR FAILURE OF OFFICIALS TO MAKE. Any public officer who is required to make an official report to any other officer, board or tribunal and who shall willfully neglect to make such report at the time and substantially in the manner required by law, shall forfeit and pay to the State of North Dakota a penalty of not less than twenty (20) dollars nor more than five hundred (500) dollars, to be recovered from such delinquent officer, or from him, and the sureties upon his official bond, if he has given one, in a civil action to be brought by the Attorney General in any court of record having jurisdiction.

§ 2. ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY PROSECUTE.] Upon the willful neglect of any public officer to make any report required by law, it shall be the duty of the officer, board or tribunal to whom such report should be made, to promptly notify the Attorney General. of such failure to report, whose duty it shall be to investigate the neglect of duty complained of; and, if in his opinion the officer has not a sufficient excuse for such failure, the Attorney General shall prosecute such officer for the recovery of the penalty above

provided.

§ 3. All acts or parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

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