

duties. Such fire warden shall take and subscribe the official oath and shall file a bond in the sum of five hundred dollars with at least two good and sufficient sureties to be approved by the said board, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of such fire warden. All fire breaks made under the provisions hereof shall be made in each year at as early a date as possible with a view to the most efficient protection of property from prairie fires.

§ 1667. The county commissioners may use their discretion and take advantage of any creek, river or other natural or artificial barrier to prairie fires and of broken or plowed fields and may in their judgment map out each of said fire districts in any form so that when the fire guards are made under their instructions as hereinbefore provided for, a prairie fire may be confined to the smallest possible area consistent with the amount of funds available.

§ 2. REPEAL.] All acts and parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed, more especially sections 1665, 1666, 1670, 1671 and 1672 of the Revised Codes of 1895.

Approved February 24, 1899.

PUBLIC PRINTING.

CHAPTER 123.

[H. B. 75.]

RELATING TO REVISED CODES.

AN ACT to Amend Chapter 114, Session Laws of 1897, Entitled "An Act to Amend Section 76 of the Revised Codes of North Dakota, Relating to Accounts for Printing and Binding Required by State Officers and Making an Annual Appropriation Therefor." Authorizing the Revision of the Revised Codes of 1895 and the Publication of an Edition to be Known as the "Revised Codes of 1899."

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

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] Chapter 114, Session Laws of 1897, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 76. PRINTING ACCOUNTS TO BE APPROVED, APPROPRIATION FOR.] All accounts for printing and binding required by the governor and other state officials, and for such printing and binding as may be authorized by the legislative assembly shall be certified to according to law, and when such accounts shall have been approved in writing by the secretary of state, whose duty it shall be to keep a record of and carefully examine all printing so authorized; the state auditor shall draw his warrant on the state treasurer for such sums as may be found due, and there is hereby appropriated out of

any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated a sum sufficient to pay for said printing; provided that the total sum to be expended under the provisions of this section shall not exceed the sum of fifteen thousand dollars per annum.

§ 2. APPROPRIATION.] The appropriation herein made shall also cover the expense of publishing a revised edition of the Revised Codes under the direction of the secretary of state.

§ 3. SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL HAVE GENERAL SUPERVISION.] As soon as practicable after the adjournment of the Sixth legislative assembly the secretary of state is authorized without altering the general plan of the Revised Codes of 1895, to eliminate such sections, articles and chapters therein as shall have been repealed by the legislative assemblies of 1897 and 1899, substitute and incorporate under proper headings all new laws enacted, and incorporate all amendments without change or modification, renumber the sections, articles and chapters where necessary to perfect and harmonize the statutes, and reindex and rearrange the table of contents, and in a general way supervise the compilation and have charge of the publication of the revised edition of the codes to be known as the Revised Codes of 1899.

§ 4. SECRETARY EMPOWERED TO EMPLOY EXPERTS.] In order that said edition of the Revised Codes may be issued as speedily as possible, and with the least expense to the state, the secretary of state is hereby empowered to employ one or more expert compilers and digesters who shall be learned in the law and familiar with work to be performed, and he may also employ one or more stenographers and typewriters as may in his judgment be deemed necessary to facilitate the work and prepare the copy for said publication, the same to be completed and the codes ready for delivery within six months from the adjournment of the Sixth legislative assembly.

§ 5. GOVERNOR SHALL ISSUE PROCLAMATION.] When the revision herein provided for shall be completed and the books delivered to the secretary of state, the governor shall issue a proclamation setting forth the fact and thirty days thereafter said Revised Codes shall be in full force and effect and be received as evidence of the laws of this state in all courts thereof.

§ 6. SECRETARY SHALL HAVE PERSONAL CHARGE.] The secretary of state shall procure and have personal charge of the printing and binding and see to it, that only the best quality of paper and material is used and the best workmanship procured.

§ 7. LIMITATION OF COST TO STATE.] The entire cost to the state for the revision herein authorized including all extra help required by the secretary of state, indexing, proof reading, printing and binding, shall not exceed the sum of \$3.00 per volume for 2,000 copies; provided that when the copy of said revision is ready for the printer, the secretary of state finds that it is possible to secure for the state 2,500 copies of said Revised Codes at a cost not exceeding \$2.75 per volume, then the secretary may secure that number.

§ 8. COPIES FIVE DOLLARS PER VOLUME.] After receiving sufficient number of said Revised Codes to supply the officers entitled thereto, including the members of the Sixth legislative assembly, and the public libraries, with which the state may have established an interchange of books, he shall keep for sale the remainder for the benefit of the state at \$5.00 per volume.

§ 9. VOUCHERS.] All vouchers for the payment of services to be performed under the provision of this act shall be certified to according to law; the state auditor shall draw his warrant on the general fund for the amounts found due; provided the appropriation of fifteen thousand dollars per annum, hereby appropriated for public printing shall cover the cost of printing said codes.

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

§ 11. EMERGENCY.] Whereas, an emergency exists in that the appropriation for public printing is exhausted and there is no provision to pay for the work under contract, and whereas, the supply of Revised Codes is exhausted and no provision or appropriation has been made for a revised edition thereof, and it will be necessary to begin the work contemplated in this act prior to July 1, 1899; therefore, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved February 21, 1899.

CHAPTER 124.

[H. B. 74]

PRINTING OF SESSION LAWS.

AN ACT to Amend Section 60 of the Revised Codes of 1895, Relating to Printing of Session Laws.

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

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] Section 60 of the Revised Codes of 1895 is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 60. JOURNALS AND LAWS, NUMBER PRINTED.] There shall be printed one hundred fifty copies of each journal for the daily use of the legislative assembly and three hundred copies of the bound edition which shall be in half binding; provided, that the legislative assembly may by resolution increase such number; two thousand copies of the Session Laws and joint resolutions shall be printed in one volume and bound in accordance with the provisions of this article.

§ 2. REPEAL.] All acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

§ 3. EMERGENCY.] Whereas, an emergency exists in that the number of copies of laws as provided by law is not sufficient to meet the demands of the state; therefore, this act shall take effect from and after its passage and approval.

Approved March 8, 1899.

CHAPTER 125.

[H. B. 190.]

RELATING TO PRINTING.

AN ACT to Amend Section 1807 of the Revised Codes of 1895, Relating to Printing.

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

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] Section 1807 of the Revised Codes of 1895 is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 1807. All state, county, and other public printing, book binding and blank book manufacturing shall be done only by established printing and publishing houses in this state, which have been conducting a printing and publishing business in this state not less than four months. Where practicable all county printing shall be done in the county ordering the same, and no bid or tender for advertising or furnishing any printed matter, blanks, blank books, or other printed matter shall be accepted or considered from any person, firm or corporation not complying with and fulfilling the requirements of this section. Any violation of the provisions of this section on the part of any public official shall constitute a misdemeanor.

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

§ 3. EMERGENCY.] Whereas, an emergency exists in that the present law provides no penalty for violation of the statutes authorizing and requiring that all public printing shall be done in the state; therefore, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved March 9, 1899.