

EMERGENCY COMMISSION

CHAPTER 159.

[S. B. No. 192—Vail.]

LIMITING POWERS OF EMERGENCY COMMISSIONS.

AN ACT to Amend and Re-enact Section 1283 of the Revised Codes of 1905 for North Dakota, Prohibiting Excessive Expenditures out of Appropriations, and Providing an Emergency Commission, and Penalty.

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

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] Section 1283 of the Revised Codes of 1905 is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 1283. EXCESSIVE EXPENDITURES OUT OF APPROPRIATIONS PROHIBITED. EMERGENCY COMMISSION.] It shall be unlawful for any board of trustees, commissioners, directors, person or persons having the control or management of public institutions of the state, or having in any manner whatsoever the responsibility of disbursing or expending any money appropriated by the state, either directly or indirectly, or in any manner whatsoever to expend or to agree or contract to expend for the use or benefit of any institution or purpose any amount in excess of the sum appropriated for such institution or purpose, nor shall any amount appropriated for any specific purpose or fund be used for or transferred to any other purpose or fund, provided that when in belief of any such board of trustees, commissioners, directors or official, any emergency exists, and the interests of the state are jeopardized by reason of the exhaustion of the amount appropriated, or by cause for which there is no provisions of law, the matter, with all relative facts, shall be referred to a commission consisting of the governor, secretary of state and state auditor, who may authorize the transfer of money from one fund to another fund of the same institution or purpose.

§ 2. Any persons violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Approved March 4, 1913.