

REGISTER OF DEEDS

CHAPTER 243.

[S. B. No. 391—Mudgett.]

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AN ACT to Amend Section 2596 of the 1905 Revised Codes of North Dakota, as Amended by Chapter 69 of the Session Laws of North Dakota for the Year 1907, Providing the Clerk Hire for the Register of Deeds in the Various Counties of the State.

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

AMENDMENT.] Section 2596 of the 1905 Revised Codes of the state of North Dakota and Chapter 69 of the Session Laws of North Dakota for the year 1907 are amended to read as follows:

§ 2596. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY EMPLOY DEPUTIES. WHEN. COMPENSATION.] If in the judgment of the board of county commissioners, it shall be deemed necessary for the prompt and accurate dispatch of business in the office of the register of deeds that deputies or clerks be employed therein, it shall by resolution fix the number of clerks to be employed and the compensation which they shall receive, which compensation shall be paid monthly from the special salary fund, but when the salary fund is exhausted, then out of the general fund by warrant; *provided*, that the officers in whose office such deputies or clerks are employed shall have the sole power of appointing and removing them at pleasure; *provided*, further, that in counties having a population of less than fifteen thousand such amount so paid such register of deeds for salary and clerk hire shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars; and in counties having a population of more than fifteen thousand and less than twenty-five thousand, such amount so paid to such register of deeds for salary and clerk hire shall not exceed the sum of six thousand dollars; and in counties having a population of more than twenty-five thousand, such amount so paid to such register of deeds for salary and clerk hire shall not exceed the sum of twelve thousand dollars; *provided*, that if the amount of money that may be paid for clerk hire in any county in this state shall not be sufficient for the prompt and regular dispatch of business in such county, the judge of the district court of the district in

which such county is situated, may upon application of the register of deeds of such county, and after proper showing, order the register of deeds to employ such extra clerks as may be necessary for the prompt dispatch of business in said office, whose compensation shall be paid out of the receipts of said office; *provided*, however, that all moneys received for compiling of the continuation of abstracts of title shall be turned over to the county treasurer, who shall credit the same to the county general fund. Any officer who shall receive and appropriate to his own use and benefit any part of the salary allowed to any such clerk or deputy shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

EMERGENCY.] Whereas, an emergency exists in this, that in many counties of the state the fees collected by the register of deeds are not sufficient to pay the necessary clerk hire; therefore, this Act shall take effect from and after its passage and approval.

Approved March 13, 1913.