

order thereupon made directing all persons intersted in the estate to appear before the court at a time and place specified, not less than four, and not more than ten weeks from the time of making such order, to show cause why an order should not be granted to the executor or administrator to sell so much of the real estate of the decedent as is necessary, or for the best interests of the estate.

§ 2. EMERGENCY.] Whereas, an emergency exists in that there is no provision of law for the sale of real estate by executors or administrators on the grounds that it is for the best interests of the estate, and the persons interested in the property to be sold, this act shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

Approved Feb. 15, 1901.

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## ELECTRIC LINE.

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### CHAPTER 80.

[H. B. 202.]

### ELECTRIC LINE.

AN ACT for the Construction of an Electric Line From the Penitentiary to the Capitol Building in the City of Bismarck.

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

§ 1. ELECTRIC LINE. CONSTRUCTION OF.] The board of trustees of public property are hereby authorized and empowered, in the name of the state, to purchase or otherwise acquire, according to law, a right-of-way from the penitentiary at Bismarck to the state capitol at Bismarck, North Dakota, upon the shortest and most feasible route on which to construct, or cause to be constructed, a line of electric wires, said wires to connect the electric plant at the penitentiary to the state capitol building at Bismarck, North Dakota, in a manner which said board may direct, for the purpose of lighting said capitol building.

§ 2. LIGHTS TO BE PLACED IN CAPITOL.] Said board of trustees of public property shall place, or caused to be placed, in said state capitol building, such lights as are necessary to suitably light said building.

§ 3. MATERIAL TO BE PURCHASED.] The state board of trustees of public property are hereby authorized and empowered in the name of the state, to purchase or otherwise acquire, according to law, such materials as are necessary and suitable for the proper construction and equipment of said electric line, and shall proceed at once upon the passage and approval of this act to construct, or cause to be constructed, said electric line, as specified herein.

§ 4. TRUSTEES. BOARD OF TO MAKE REPORT.] The board of trustees of public property upon the completion of said line with its necessary equipments, shall submit an itemized report together with usual vouchers, showing:

1. Kind of material, from whom purchased, and what price.
2. How many days labor done and by whom.
3. If work done by convict labor, so state, in such case mention person in charge only.
4. Amount paid for right-of-way, if any.

The state auditor finding such report correct, shall draw his warrant for such amount as he finds to be due, against such appropriation, and upon approval thereof by the governor, the state treasurer is hereby directed to pay such warrant from the general fund of the state.

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

§ 6. EMERGENCY.] Whereas, an emergency exists, in that there is now no law providing for the construction of such a line, therefore this act shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval.

Approved March 12, 1901.

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## ELECTIONS.

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### CHAPTER 81.

[S. B. 180.]

### ELECTIONS.

AN ACT to Amend Section 527 of the Revised Codes of 1899, Relating to Abstract of Votes. Certificate of Election. Publication of Returns.

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

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] Section 527 is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 527. ABSTRACT OF VOTES. CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION. PUBLICATION OF RETURNS.] On the fifteenth day after the close of any election, or as soon as the returns are received, the county auditor shall call to his assistance a majority of the county commissioners of the county, or the county treasurer, county judge and one county commissioner, and none of the persons so called shall be a candidate for office, unless there is not sufficient of such officers who are not candidates, and shall