

WOLF BOUNTY.

CHAPTER 207.

[S. B. No. 3—Simpson.]

WOLF BOUNTY.

AN ACT Providing for a Bounty on Wolves and Coyotes, Creating a Fund for the Payment of the Same, and Regulating the Manner of Procuring said Bounty.

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

§ 1. BOUNTY ALLOWED.] For the purpose of encouraging the destruction of wolves and coyotes, the following bounties shall be paid by the state of North Dakota, viz: For each wolf or coyote killed, the sum of two dollars and fifty cents.

§ 2. SKINS TO BE EXHIBITED.] Any person killing any of the aforesaid animals, to obtain the bounty thereon, shall within ninety days from the date of the killing, exhibit or cause to be exhibited the skins and skulls of said animal or animals, including the tail and the skin from the forehead, including both ears, to the county auditor in the county in which said animal or animals were killed, and shall at the same time file with the auditor an affidavit setting forth that he killed or caused to be killed the animal or animals from which the skin or skins were taken; that the same were killed within the bounds of the county to whose auditor the same are presented; and the county auditor shall, before issuing the certificate hereinafter provided for, require statements of two resident taxpayers of the county that they are acquainted with the person presenting the skin or skins, and that to the best of their knowledge and belief the animal or animals from which said skin or skins were taken were killed within the limits of said county.

§ 3. HOW TO PREVENT FRAUD.] The county auditor shall thereupon call to his assistance either the county treasurer, or, in his absence, the clerk of the district court, who being present, both shall, in order to prevent fraud, minutely examine each skin presented; and should examination disclose that the scalps and ears belonging to such skins have not been severed, patched or punched, the county auditor shall there, in the presence of the other officer above named, mark each ear by punching a hole one inch in diameter in the same, and then redeliver the skin or skins to the person presenting the same, and shall at the same time make out and deliver to the said person a certificate showing the number and kind of the skins so

punched and the name of the person presenting, the fact of the filing of the affidavits herein provided for, and the examination made as required, said certificate to be duly signed by him in his official capacity, and attested by the officer acting with him; said county auditor shall keep a record in a bound book of all skins so punched, showing the date, number and kinds, the names of the persons presenting them and the names of the witnesses, which book shall be an official record. The holders of the certificates issued under the provisions of this act to be deposited with the county auditor of the county wherein issued, who shall on the first business day of each month forward all such certificates in his possession to the state auditor for registration and payment as hereinafter provided. All services rendered by officials under this act to be without fee.

§ 4. DUTY OF COUNTY AUDITOR.] Should any county auditor or officer acting with him have reason to believe that any person presenting a skin or skins as above provided, has evaded the provisions of this act to obtain the bounty unlawfully, such officer shall require satisfactory evidence of the time, place and manner of the killing of said animal or animals.

§ 5. DUTY OF STATE AUDITOR.] It shall be the duty of the state auditor, upon the written order of the county auditor, to give the person presenting said order a warrant upon the state wolf bounty fund, hereinafter provided for, in the amount required to compensate at the bounty prices by this act provided, for the number of animals mentioned in the order, taking the receipt on the back of the order of the person presenting, for the full amount received; and the state auditor and the state treasurer shall keep an account of all warrants so issued and paid, and list them in their annual report to the governor.

§ 6. WOLF BOUNTY FUND CREATED.] For the purpose of providing for the payment of said bounty and the warrants thereon drawn, there is hereby created a fund to be known as the state wolf bounty fund.

§ 7. DUTY OF STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.] It shall be the duty of the state board of equalization, at the time of the levy of the annual tax, to levy a special tax of two-tenths mills on the dollar upon the assessed valuation of all property, and when collected paid into the hands of the state treasurer, who shall at once enter the same into the state wolf bounty fund. Said fund shall be preserved inviolate for the payment of the bounties provided for herein.

§ 8. ANIMALS KILLED IN UNORGANIZED COUNTIES.] Any person claiming the bounties provided for in this act for any of the animals specified herein, killed or caused to be killed in any unorganized county of this state, shall make application to the county auditor of the organized county to which such unorganized county is attached for judicial purposes.

§ 9. SECRETARY OF STATE TO SUPPLY BLANKS.] The secretary of state shall provide each county auditor with the necessary blanks for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act.

§ 10. PENALTY FOR FORGERY.] Any person who shall falsely make, alter, forge or counterfeit any of said certificates or orders shall be deemed guilty of forgery, and any person who shall swear falsely to any affidavit provided herein, or procure the same to be done by another, with the intent of obtaining any one of the said certificates or orders, shall be guilty of perjury; and any person convicted of any of the offenses declared in this section shall be punished by imprisonment in the state penitentiary for a term of not less than one year nor more than five years. Any person or persons who shall patch up any skin or scalp, or who shall present any punched skin or scalp with intent to defraud the state, or any officer who shall sign any certificate herein provided for without first counting the skins, or shall intentionally evade any of the provisions of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period of not exceeding three months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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WILLS.

CHAPTER 208.

[S. B. No. 14—Robinson.]

TIME FOR PROBATING WILLS.

AN ACT to Amend Section 6289 of the Revised Codes of North Dakota,
Relating to the Time for Probating Wills.

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

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] That section number 6289 of the revised codes of North Dakota, of the revision of 1899, be amended to read as follows, viz:

§ 6289. WILLS, ORIGINAL AND NUNCUPATIVE WHEN PROBATED.] A special proceeding for the probate of a will may be commenced within any time in six years after the testator's death, or if the will is not made known within that time, then within one year after its discovery. A proceeding for the probate of a nuncupative will must be commenced within six months after the testamentary words are spoken; provided, however, that a will duly proved and allowed in any of the territories or dependencies, or in any other of the United States, or the District of Columbia, or in any foreign country or state, may be