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power to re-district the city into wards for the purpose of equalization of population; provided, that the number of such wards shall not be diminished nor increased.

§ 2. EMERGENCY.] Whereas, there is no law whereby cities of less than two thousand population can be re-districted into wards, therefore an emergency exists, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved March 13, 1907.

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### CHAPTER 49.

[S. B. No. 301—LaMoure]

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#### ADDITIONAL CLERICAL ASSISTANCE IN STATE OFFICES.

A JOINT RESOLUTION Authorizing the State Auditing Board, in Their Discretion, from Time to Time, as the Necessities May Arise, to Employ Additional Clerical Assistance in the Various State Offices, and Authorizing an Appropriation for the Payment Therefor.

*Resolved by the Senate of the State of North Dakota, the House of Representatives Concurring,* That the state auditing board may, in their discretion, from time to time as the necessity therefor may appear to them, authorize the employment in the different state offices at the capitol, of clerical assistance to enable the different state officers to properly fulfill their duties. The said state auditing board shall act on written applications only, which application shall be signed by the state officer desiring the additional clerical assistance, giving the name of the party desired to be employed, the probable time of such employment and the salary that should be paid such person. On receiving such written application the said board shall, by resolution, duly entered in the minutes of their proceedings, approve or disapprove the said request, state the person authorized to be employed, the duration of such employment, the salary to be received and such other and further directions as to said board may seem proper. On receipt of a duly certified copy of such resolution the state auditor is authorized to draw his warrant on the state treasurer from time to time for the sum authorized to be paid and a sufficient appropriation to cover the same out of any funds in the state treasury is hereby made. Be it further

*Resolved*, That in the judgment of this legislative assembly the provisions of this resolution should take effect at once; therefore an emergency is declared to exist and the authority herein conferred shall take effect from and after its passage and approval.

Approved March 4, 1907.

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## COAL MINES

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### CHAPTER 50.

[H. B. No. 263—Brodie]

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#### COAL MINE STATISTICS.

AN ACT Providing for the Keeping of Books Containing Statistical Information to be Furnished to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor, and for the Making of Reports Regarding Such Statistics, and Prescribing a Penalty for Violation.

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

§ 1. COAL MINE LICENSE, HOW PROCURED.] The operator of each and every coal mine operated in the state of North Dakota, and selling coal to the general public, shall annually, on or before the tenth day of July, after the passage and approval of this act, procure a license from the commissioner of agriculture and labor, for which he shall pay a fee of five dollars.

§ 2. STATISTICS TO BE FURNISHED.] There shall be kept in a book to be provided for that purpose, at each mine operated and selling coal to the general public, the following information: Name of the mine; its location; when it began business; by whom owner; by whom operated; number of tons of coal mined; number of men employed; wages paid by the day, week, month and year; the total cost of operating the mine; the total amount of coal sold, and the price received therefor, and such other statistical information as the commissioner of agriculture and labor may prescribe, to be kept by such mine, under the provisions of section 127 of the revised codes of 1905; provided, that when the report of any operator of a coal mine in this state shows that the output of his mine has not been more than five hundred tons of coal for the year, the five dollars paid as license shall be returned to such operator.

§ 3. REPORT TO COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE.] It shall be the duty of all persons operating mines within this state, as provided in sections one and two of this act, to make a verified report to the