

CHAPTER 57.

[H. B. No. 248—Giedt]

LIABILITY OF COMMON CARRIERS.

AN ACT to Amend Section 5678 of the Civil Code of the Revised Codes of the State of North Dakota, Edition of 1905 (Being Section 4230 of the Civil Code of the Revised Codes of the State of North Dakota, Edition of 1895), and Re-Enact the Same as Amended.

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

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] Section 5678 of the civil code of the revised codes of the state of North Dakota, edition of 1905, being section 4230 of the civil code of the revised codes of the state of North Dakota, edition 1895, is amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

§ 5678. EXONERATION BY AGREEMENT LIMITED.] A common carrier cannot be exonerated by any agreement made in anticipation thereof from liability for the negligence, fraud, or other wrongful act of himself or his servants.

Approved March 13, 1907.

CORRUPT PRACTICES

CHAPTER 58.

[S. B. No. 104—Young]

CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT.

AN ACT Making It Unlawful for Any Corporation to Use Any of Its Money or Property or Anything of Value in Political Campaigns or for Any Political Purpose, Also Making It Unlawful to Solicit or Knowingly Receive Any Such Money, Property or Anything of Value, and Prescribing Penalties Therefor.

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

§ 1. CONTRIBUTIONS FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES PROHIBITED. PENALTY.] No corporation doing business in this state shall, directly or indirectly, pay, or use, or offer, consent or agree to pay or

use any money, property, or anything of value for or in aid of any political party, committee or organization or for or in aid of any corporation or association organized or maintained for political purposes, or for or in aid of any candidate for political office, or for the nomination for such office, or for any political purpose whatsoever, or for the reimbursement or indemnification of any person for money or property so used or for the purpose of influencing legislation of any kind. Any officer, director, stockholder, attorney, agent or representative of any corporation or association which violates any of the provisions of this act, who participates in, aids, abets or advises or consents to any such violation, and any person who solicits or knowingly receives any money or property in violation of this act, shall upon conviction thereof be punished by imprisonment in the state penitentiary for not more than one year, or a fine of not less than two hundred dollars nor more than five thousand dollars or both such fine and imprisonment, and any officer aiding or abetting in any contribution made in violation of this act, shall be liable to the company or association for the amount so contributed.

§ 2. NO PERSON EXCUSED FROM TESTIFYING.] No person shall be excused from attending and testifying or producing any books, papers or other documents before any court or magistrate, upon any investigation, proceeding or trial for a violation of any of the provisions of this act, upon the ground or for the reason that the testimony or evidence, documentary or otherwise, required of him may tend to incriminate or degrade him; but no person shall be prosecuted or subject to any penalty or forfeiture for or on account of any transaction, matter or thing concerning which he may so testify or produce evidence, documentary or otherwise, and no testimony so given or produced shall be used against him upon any criminal investigation or proceeding.

§ 3. CORPORATION RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTS OF OFFICER OR AGENT.] The violation of this act by any officer, employe, agent, attorney or other representative of a corporation shall be prima facie evidence of said violation by such corporation.

§ 4. PUNISHMENT FOR ADVISING VIOLATION OF ACT.] Any person or persons who shall aid, abet or advise a violation of the provisions of this act shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished as provided for in section one of this act.

§ 5. PROSECUTIONS, WHERE BROUGHT.] Violations of this act may be prosecuted in the county where such payment or contribution is made, or in any county wherein such money or property has been paid or distributed.

Approved March 14, 1907.