

fifty thousand dollars of bonds dated July 1, 1901, for the aid of the state university and the school of mines; fifty thousand dollars dated May 11, 1901, for the aid of the agricultural college; fifty thousand dollars dated June 1, 1899, for the aid of the hospital for the insane; twenty thousand dollars dated July 1, 1899, for the aid of the soldiers' home; twenty thousand dollars dated September 1, 1901, for the aid of the state reform school, there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury the sum of thirteen thousand two hundred dollars, which amount shall be paid by the state treasurer, on warrant of the state auditor, as the various interest payments become due.

§ 2. EMERGENCY.] Whereas, it is necessary that the interest on the above mentioned securities should be paid prior to July 1, 1907, an emergency exists and this act shall be in force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Approved March 2, 1907.

STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION

CHAPTER 243.

[S. B. No. 207—Cashel]

STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION CREATED.

AN ACT Creating a State Library Commission, Defining Its Duties and Providing an Appropriation for Its Maintenance.

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

§ 1. STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION.] There is hereby created a state public library commission consisting of three members.

§ 2. MEMBERS, HOW CONSTITUTED.] The president of the North Dakota library association and the superintendent of public instruction are hereby constituted ex-officio members of the said state public library commission; and the governor of the state shall appoint as soon as practicable after the passage and approval of this act, one suitable person within the state as a member of the said state public library commission, which appointment shall be confirmed by the senate. The commission shall elect its own officers from among its own members, and shall also have power to select a competent person as librarian, who shall have control and be in charge of the library work of the commission.

§ 3. TERM OF OFFICE.] The member appointed by the governor shall be appointed for a term of two years from April 1, 1907, and until his successor is appointed and qualified. In case of appointment to fill a vacancy caused by resignation, death or removal, the appointment shall be made for the unexpired term of the member whose death, resignation or removal caused the vacancy.

§ 4. COMPENSATION.] No member of said state library commission shall ever receive any salary or per diem or compensation of any kind for services as such commissioner. Members of the state library commission shall be allowed and paid necessary traveling expenses in attending meetings of the commission or in visiting or establishing libraries, and other incidental and necessary expenses connected with the work of the commission.

§ 5. POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMISSION.] The state library commission, on and after its creation and organization, shall take over and add to the educational reference library and the system of traveling libraries, and shall continue the same, and, as its funds permit, shall increase the number and usefulness of the libraries. Any city, town, village, school district or community within the state of North Dakota may borrow books under the rules and regulations of the state library commission. The commission shall catalogue and otherwise prepare said books for circulation, and shall make rules and regulations according to which the business of the commission shall be done; and also such rules and regulations as shall insure the care, preservation and safe return of all books loaned. The state library commission shall have power and it shall be its duty to establish a legislative reference bureau for the information and assistance of the members of the legislative assembly in the work of legislation. The legislation of other states and information upon legal and economic questions shall be classified and catalogued in such a way as to render the same easy of access to members, thereby enabling them better to prepare for their work. It shall be the duty of the librarian of the state library commission to assist in every way possible the members of the legislative assembly in obtaining information and the preparation of bills.

§ 6. COMMISSION MAY ASSIST FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES.] The librarian or trustees of any free public library or the trustees of any village, town or community, entitled to borrow books from said traveling libraries, may, without charge, ask and receive advice and instruction from said state library commission upon any matter pertaining to the organization, maintenance or administration of the libraries, and the said commission shall, as far as possible, promote and assist by counsel and encouragement the formation of libraries where none exist, and the commission may also send its members to aid in organizing new libraries or improving those already established.

§ 7. REPORT.] The state library commission shall keep statistics of the free public libraries of North Dakota and a record of the work done and books loaned by said commission, and shall make a full report to each general session of the legislature of all expenditures by the commission, and of such statistics and records as shall show the work done by the commission, the use made of the traveling libraries, and all other matters which they deem expedient for the information of the legislature, and the printing of which, and all other printing coming within the purview of the library commission, shall be paid for by the state.

§ 8. PLACE OF MEETING OF COMMISSION. OFFICE ROOM OF LIBRARIAN, WHERE.] There shall be provided in the office of the superintendent of public instruction a place of meeting and also office room for the librarian of the state library commission.

§ 9. FUNDS.] There is hereby appropriated for the use and purposes of the state library commission any unexpended balances in the funds appropriated for the educational reference library and traveling libraries, and also an annual appropriation of fifteen hundred dollars out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated.

§ 10. REPEAL.] All acts and parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed, especially any acts or parts of acts carrying any appropriation for the so-called educational reference library and traveling libraries.

§ 11. EMERGENCY.] Whereas, an emergency exists in that there is now no provision for a state library commission, this act shall take effect and be in force on and after its passage and approval.

Approved March 2, 1907.

SUPREME COURT REPORTS

CHAPTER 244.

[H. B. No. 182—O. P. N. Anderson]

SUPREME COURT REPORTS.

AN ACT to Amend Sections 466 and 467 of Chapter 7 of the Political Code of the State of North Dakota, Providing for the Distribution of Supreme Court Reports.

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

§ 466. SECRETARY OF STATE TO SUPPLY AUDITORS.] It is the duty of the secretary of state to furnish to each county auditor