

in this state four copies of each volume of such reports, and it is the duty of such auditor upon receipt of the volumes above specified to mark conspicuously upon the outside of the cover thereof with red ink or to brand thereon the words, "Property of the County of" (inserting the name of the county of which he is an officer).

§ 467. COUNTY OFFICERS SUPPLIED.] The county auditor must deliver one copy of each volume so marked or branded into the custody of the clerk of the district court, county judge and state's attorney of his county, and retain one copy to be filed in his office, and each of such officers shall at the expiration of his term of office deliver such volume to his successor in office.

Approved March 13, 1907.

SURVEYS

CHAPTER 245.

[H. B. No. 338—Johnson]

UNITED STATES LAND SURVEY RECORDS.

AN ACT Authorizing the Secretary of State on the Approval of the Governor to Receive and Receipt to the United States Surveyor General of the District of North Dakota for All Field Notes, Maps, Records and Other Papers Appertaining to Land Titles Within the State of North Dakota, and for Other Property and Records as the Government May Direct to be Turned Over to the State When All the Public Surveys in the State of North Dakota Shall Have Been Completed.

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

§ 1. SECRETARY OF STATE RECEIVES FIELD NOTES.] Whenever all the public surveys within the state of North Dakota shall have been completed, the secretary of state, with the approval of the governor, is hereby authorized to receive and receipt to the United States surveyor general for the district of North Dakota for all the field notes, maps, records and other papers appertaining to land titles within the state of North Dakota, and for such other property and records as the government may direct to be turned over to the state.

§ 2. RECORDS PRESERVED.] It shall be the duty of the secretary of state to provide suitable rooms in the capitol building containing vaults for fireproof protection and the safe keeping of such records, and free access to any such field notes, maps, records and

other papers for the purpose of taking extracts therefrom or making copies thereof without charge of any kind, shall be allowed to all officers or employes of the United States, during office hours.

§ 3. COPIES TO BE FURNISHED.] It shall be the duty of the secretary of state to furnish on application, exemplified copies of all maps, field notes and records upon the payment to him of such fees for the copying and certifying such field notes, maps and records, as may be prescribed by the governor, secretary of state and attorney general. All fees paid to the secretary of state for copies of plats, field notes and records shall be paid into the state treasury and placed to the credit of the general fund of the state.

Approved March 13, 1907.

TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONES

CHAPTER 246.

[H. B. No. 312—Murphy]

REGULATING TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

AN ACT to Regulate Telegraph Service Within the State.

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

§ 1. MUST MAINTAIN SUFFICIENT EQUIPMENT.] All persons, corporations and companies doing a public telegraph business within the state shall maintain sufficient wires and equipment to give prompt service and dispatch. All messages received in any telegraph office within the state must be delivered promptly if it is within the power of a telegraph company to locate the party to whom the message is addressed.

§ 2. MESSAGES TRANSMITTED PROMPTLY.] All messages left at the office of any telegraph office or the office of any railroad station where public service is maintained, must be transmitted promptly, providing said message is prepaid by the sender. In no case must a message remain at the telegraph office or station unsent more than thirty minutes, except in case of accident to the lines, such as broken wire or during severe storms.

§ 3. BLANKS USED CONFORM TO ACT.] All blanks and forms used for the sending of telegrams within the state must comply with the requirements of this act and it shall be the duty of any companies doing a telegraph business for a compensation within the state to conduct their business and offices in such a manner that this act be not violated.