

STATE VOUCHER—FORM

CHAPTER 244.

[S. B. No. 239—Vail.]

PROVIDING FORM FOR VOUCHER FOR ACCOUNTS AGAINST THE STATE.

AN ACT to Amend Section 657 of the Compiled Laws of North Dakota for 1913, Relating to the Manner in Which Claims Against the State Shall be Filed and Verified, and Providing a Penalty for Falsely Certifying or Certifying to Any False Bill, Claim, Account or Demand.

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

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] Section 657 of the Compiled Laws of North Dakota for 1913 is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 657. CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE, VERIFIED, HOW.] No bill, claim, account or demand against the state except in the case of salaries fixed by law, shall be audited, allowed, or paid, until a full itemized statement in writing shall have been filed with the officer, or officers whose duty it may be to audit the same, and where charges are made for money expended in the performance of official duties, all items of one dollar or more so expended and charged for, shall be covered by a sub-voucher or receipt, which sub-voucher or receipt shall be signed by the person to whom the money was paid, and such sub-voucher or receipt shall show at what place, on what date, and for what the money expended was paid. Such sub-vouchers or receipts shall be forwarded with the bill, claim, account or demand against the state, which bill, claim, account or demand shall be further verified by the certificates of the party presenting it in substantially the following form:

“CERTIFICATE.

I do hereby certify that the within bill, claim, account or demand, is just and true; that the money therein charged was actually paid for the purpose therein stated; that the services therein charged were actually rendered and are of the value therein charged; that no part of such bill, claim, account or demand, has been paid; and that the goods therein charged were actually delivered and were of the value charged.

Sign here:

If signed for a firm or company show authority on this line.”

Provided, that any officer, officers, or the State Auditing Board, before any of whom any bill, claim, account or demand against the

state shall come for audit and approval, may, if deemed necessary in his or their discretion, require to be furnished a statement made under oath, containing such further information as seems necessary for the further verification of any bill, claim, account, or demand against the state or any of its undertakings.

Provided, that all blank voucher forms, for bills, claims, accounts or demands against the state or any of its undertakings, shall have printed thereon the following paragraph which prescribes the penalty for certifying to false or dishonest bills, claims, accounts or demands, against the state.

Provided, that any person, firm, or company, falsely certifying, or certifying to any false bill, claim, account or demand, as hereinbefore set forth, shall upon conviction forfeit his right to collect such bill, claim, account, or demand, or any part thereof, and shall further be subject to the penalty prescribed for one found guilty of committing a misdemeanor.

§ 2. EMERGENCY.] Whereas, the law now in effect, which requires that bills, claims, accounts, and demands against the state shall be sworn to, does not prevent the filing of fraudulent or dishonest claims and bills, and which requirement proves expensive and bothersome, and is but the following of an old custom entirely out of keeping with modern and economical methods of handling business, and whereas, the penalty prescribed in this Act is entirely sufficient to prove effective, and it is desirable that the annoyance and expense of complying with the old law be discontinued as soon as possible, therefore, this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Approved, March 2, 1915.

STATE INSTITUTIONS

CHAPTER 245.

[H. B. No. 470—Lathrop Committee.]

TRANSPORTATION PRISONERS AND PATIENTS.

AN ACT Relating to the Expenses and Method of Transportation of Prisoners and Patients, and Repealing Section 3515 of the Compiled Laws of North Dakota, for the Year 1913.

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

§ 1. TRANSPORTATION OF INSANE PERSONS. COMPENSATION OF GUARD.] Whenever any person has been adjudged insane by the Insanity Board of any county in this state it shall be the duty of the chairman of such board to immediately notify the superin-