

CHAPTER 132.

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

S. F. 83. AN ACT to Create a Bureau of Labor Statistics, and to Provide for the Appointment of a Commissioner of Said Bureau, and to Define his Duties and Term of Office.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Appointment of commissioner provided for. SECTION 1. That there is hereby created a bureau of labor statistics, to be under the control and management of a commissioner thereof, to be appointed as hereinafter provided by this act.

Governor to appoint within 30 days. SEC. 2. That the governor shall, within thirty days after the taking effect of this act and biennially thereafter, with the advice and consent of the executive council, appoint a commissioner of labor statistics. The term of office of said commissioner to commence on the first day of April in each even-numbered year and continue for two years and until his successor is appointed and qualified; and said commissioner before entering upon the discharge of his duties shall take an oath or affirmation to discharge the same faithfully, and to the best of his ability; and shall give bond in the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) with sureties to the approval of the governor, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his official duties.

Term of office. Take an oath and give bond. Salary \$1,500 per annum. SEC. 3. Said commissioner shall receive a salary of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, payable monthly, and necessary postage, stationery, and office expenses, the said salary and expenses to be paid by the state as the salaries and expenses of other state officers are provided for. He shall have and keep an office in the capitol at Des Moines in which shall be kept all records, documents, papers, correspondence and property pertaining to his office, and shall deliver them to his successor in office.

Keep an office in capitol. SEC. 4. Said commissioner may be removed from his office by the governor for neglect of duty or malfeasance in office; and any vacancy occurring at any time may be filled by the governor by and with the consent of the executive council.

May be removed by governor. Duties of commissioner. SEC. 5. The duties of said commissioner shall be to collect, assort, systematize and present in biennial reports to the governor on or before the 15th day of August preceding each regular meeting of the general assembly, statistical details relating to all departments of labor in the state, especially in its relations to the commercial, social, educational and sanitary

Statistics to be gathered.

conditions of the laboring classes, and to the permanent prosperity of the mechanical, manufacturing and productive industries of the state, and shall as fully as practicable collect such information and reliable reports from each county in the state the amount and condition of the mechanical and manufacturing interests, the value and location of the various manufacturing and coal productions of the state, also sites offering natural or acquired advantages for the profitable location and operation of different branches of industry; he shall by correspondence with interested parties in other parts of the United States impart to them such information as may tend to induce the location of mechanical and producing plants within the state, together with such other information as shall tend to increase the productions, and consequent employment of producers; and in said biennial report he shall give a statement of the business of the bureau since the last regular report, and shall compile and publish therein such information as may be considered of value to the industrial interests of the state, the number of laborers and mechanics employed, the number of apprentices in each trade, with the nativity of such laborers, mechanics and apprentices' wages earned, the savings from the same, with age and sex of laborers employed, the number and character of accidents, the sanitary condition of institutions where labor is employed, the restrictions if any which are put upon apprentices when indentured, the proportion of married laborers and mechanics who live in rented houses, with the average annual rental and the value of property owned by laborers and mechanics; and he shall include in such report what progress has been made with schools now in operation for the instruction of students in the mechanic arts and what systems have been found most practical with details thereof.

Shall collect from each county.

To correspond with parties throughout the U. S.

Shall give statement in biennial report.

Such report when printed shall not consist of more than six hundred printed pages octavo.

Report of not more than 600 pages.

Five thousand copies thereof shall be printed and bound uniformly similar to the reports of other state officers as now authorized by law. Said reports when published to be disposed of as follows, viz: To the public libraries in the state, to the various trade organizations, agricultural and mechanical societies, and other places where the commissioner may deem proper and best calculated to accomplish the furtherance of the industrial interests of the State.

5,000 copies of report to be printed. Distribution of reports.

Sec. 6. The commissioner shall have power to issue subpoenas for witnesses and examine them under oath and enforce their attendance to the same extent and in the same manner as a justice of the peace; said witnesses to be paid the same fees as are now allowed witnesses before a justice of the peace, the same to be paid by the state.

Power of commissioner.

Sec. 7. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall be in force and take effect from and after its publication

Publication.

in the Iowa State Register and the Iowa State Leader, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved, April 3, 1884.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Iowa State Register* April 8, and *Iowa State Leader* April 5, 1884.

J. A. T. HULL, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 133.

GIVING RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS INCREASED POWER.

S. F. 80.

AN ACT Authorizing Actions Against Railroad Companies, to be Brought in the Name of the State, upon Recommendation of the Board of Railroad Commissioners. [Additional, to Code, Ch. X, Title 5.]

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Circuit and District court to enforce decrees of R. R. Commissioners.

Proceedings by equitable action and instituted by atty. gen.

Court shall require issue made up at first term.

Order of court.

Violations of decrees punished by fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 1. The circuit and district courts of this state shall have jurisdiction to enforce, by proper decrees, injunctions and orders, the rulings, orders and regulations affecting public right, made or to be made by the board of railroad commissioners, such as are now, or may hereafter be, authorized to be made by them for the future direction and observance of railroads in this state. The proceedings therefor shall be by equitable action in the name of the state of Iowa, and shall be instituted by the attorney general, whenever advised by the board of railroad commissioners that any railway corporation, or person operating a line of road in this state, is violating and refusing to comply with any rule, order or regulation made by such board of railroad commissioners, and applicable to such railroad or person. It shall be the duty of the court in which any such cause shall be pending, to require the issues to be made up at the first term of the court to which such cause is brought, which shall be the trial term, and to give the same precedence over other civil business. If the court shall find that such rule, regulation, or order is reasonable and just, and that in refusing compliance therewith said railway company is failing and omitting the performance of any public duty or obligation, the court shall decree a mandatory and perpetual injunction compelling obedience to, and compliance with, such rule, order, or regulation by said railroad company, or other person, its officers, agents, servants and employees, and may grant such other relief as may be deemed just and proper. All violations of such decree shall render the company, persons, officers, agents, servants and employes who are in any manner instrumental in such violations, guilty of contempt of court, and the court may punish such contempt by fine not exceeding