

State, and the canvass shall be made by the Board of State Canvassers, which return and canvass shall be made as required by law for the return and canvass for Auditor of State.

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CHAPTER 158.

CONNECTING RAILROADS.

AN ACT to regulate the carrying of freight and passengers over connecting rail roads.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That any railroad company in this State owning a rail road, shall on request permit any other rail road to connect with, and shall draw over its road the cars of any other rail road, connecting with it, at reasonable times, and for a toll not exceeding its ordinary rate. Connection.

SEC. 2. When rail road companies do not agree upon terms of connection or rates of transportation, either may make application to the District Court in any County, in which said connection may be located, or to the Judge of said Court if in vacation, after ten days notice in writing to the other company, and after hearing the parties, or on default, the said Court or Judge may appoint three disinterested persons, being Presidents or Superintendents of rail roads, or experts in rail road business, without regard to their place of residence, as Commissioners, to determine the terms of connection and rules and regulations necessary thereto. Agree upon terms.

SEC. 3. Said Commissioners shall meet at such time and place as may be ordered by said Court or Judge, and shall hear the parties, and any testimony brought before them, and make and sign their report, prescribing the things to be done. Such report made by them or a majority of them, shall within such time as ordered by said Court or Judge be returned to and filed in said Court, to be confirmed thereby; and when so confirmed, it shall be binding on the parties until another report shall be made upon a new application, which cannot be made within two years after such confirmation. Report of referees.
Report to be binding.

SEC. 4. Said Commissioners shall have such compens-

Pay of the referees, etc.

ation as shall be deemed reasonable by the Court; and shall be governed by the same rules and have the same powers in compelling the attendance of witnesses, and shall themselves be sworn, as is now provided in cases of referees in civil actions in the District Court; and exceptions may be taken to their report in the same manner, and such exception shall have the same effect, and the proceedings upon their report shall be the same as on reports of referees in cases referred from said Court, and the costs shall be paid by the parties in such proportions as to the Court may seem equitable and just.

Non-compliance.

Sec. 5. If the officers of, or any person in the employ of either of said companies refuse to comply with the terms of such confirmed report, they may be punished as for a contempt of said Court.

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CHAPTER 159.

OFFICERS OF RAIL ROAD COMPANIES.

AN ACT to require Officers of Railroad Companies to reside within the State of Iowa, and defining their duties.

Officers reside in State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That the Secretary and Treasurer, or Assistant Treasurer and General Superintendent of each any every Railroad Company now or hereafter organized under the laws of this State, elected after the passage of this Act, shall reside in the State of Iowa.

Office--where kept.

SEC. 2. That the offices of Secretary, Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer and General Superintendent of every such Railroad Company, shall be established and kept within this State, at the place designated in the charter as the general business office of such Company, at which office or offices the original record, stock and transfer books and all the original papers and vouchers necessary to such Company shall be kept; and it is hereby made the duty of the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer to keep a record of the whole financial condition of said Company, which shall be open at all reasonable hours for the inspection of any stockholder of such Company, and any investigation instituted by the Legislature of this State.

SEC. 3. That every such Railroad Company shall an