

MINING.

CHAPTER 52.

APPOINTMENT OF STATE MINE INSPECTORS.

H. F. 18. AN ACT To amend Section 4, Chapter 140 of the Laws of the Twenty first General Assembly and to amend Chapter 21 of the Laws of the Twentieth General Assembly relative to State Mine Inspectors, their duties and manner of appointment.

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

Inspectors to reside in their district.

SECTION 1. That section 4 chapter 140 of the acts of the twenty first General Assembly be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words, "And each of said Mine inspectors shall during his term of office have and keep a residence in the district to which he is assigned without expense to the State. Also have and keep an office at a place designated by the Governor accessible to railroad and telegraph in their respective districts where at all reasonable times and when not actually engaged elsewhere such inspectors shall be found.

SEC. 2. That Chapter 21 laws of the twentieth General Assembly be and the same is hereby amended by enacting the following supplementary sections.

Board of examiners appointed.

Section 22. The executive Council shall appoint a board of examiners composed of two practical miners—two mine operators and one mining engineer who shall have at least five years experience in his profession. The members of said board shall be of good moral character, and citizens of the United States and State of Iowa and they shall before entering upon their duties take the following oath (or affirmation) I — do solemnly swear (or affirm) that "I will perform the duties of examiner of candidates for the office of mine inspector to the best of my ability and that in recommending any candidate I will be governed by the evidence of qualification to fill the position under the law creating the same, and not by any consideration of political or personal favors; that I will grant certificates to candidates according to their qualifications and the requirements of the law" They shall hold their office for two years.

Oath.

Section 23. Said board shall meet biennially on the first Monday in April of each even numbered year except that for the year 1888 said board shall meet on the second Monday of May in the office of the State Mine inspector in the Capitol, and they shall publish in at least one newspaper published in each mining district of the State the date fixed by them for the examination of Candidates. They shall be furnished with the necessary stationery and other necessary material for said examination in the same manner as other State officers are now provided. They shall receive as compensation the sum of \$5.00 per day for time actually employed in the duties of their office and actual traveling expenses. The said compensation and expenses shall be paid in the same manner as the salaries and expenses of other State officers are now paid: provided that in no case shall the per diem received by any member exceed \$50.00 for each biennial session.

Meetings of the board, date and place.

Compensation.

Section 24. Certificates of competency shall be granted only to citizens of the United States and State of Iowa of good moral character not less than twenty-five years of age, who shall have at least five years experience in the mines and who shall not have been acting as agent or superintendent of any mine for at least six months prior to their appearance for examination.

Certificate of competency.

Section 25. The examination of candidates for the office of mine inspector shall consist of oral and written questions in theoretical and practical mining and mine engineering, on the nature and properties of noxious and poisonous gases found in mines and on the different systems of working and ventilating of coal mines. The candidates shall not be allowed to have in their possession at the time of their examination, any books, memoranda or notes to be used as aids in said examination. The board of examiners shall give to all persons examined who in their judgment possess the requisite qualifications, certificates of such qualification and from the persons holding such certificates the governor shall appoint the state mine inspectors.

Examination of candidates for mine inspectors.

Section 26. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect on and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and Des Moines Leader, newspapers published in Des Moines, Iowa.

Publication.

Approved April 12, 1888.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Iowa State Register*, April 21, and *Des Moines Leader*, April 20, 1888.

FRANK D. JACKSON, *Secretary of State*.