

torney general of this state, and he shall also represent them, whenever called upon to do so, before the interstate commerce commission.

SEC. 4. In effect. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force on and after its publication in the Register and Leader and Des Moines Capital, newspapers published in the city of Des Moines.

Approved April 10, A. D. 1907.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Des Moines Capital, April 15, 1907, and the Register and Leader, April 17, 1907.

W. C. HAYWARD,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 109.

REGULATION OF THE STRINGING OF WIRES OVER RAILROAD TRACKS.

S. F. 285.

AN ACT to protect the safety of railroad employes by regulating the maintaining and stringing of other wires over railroad tracks. [Additional to chapter six (6) of title ten (X) of the code.]

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

SECTION 1. Railroad commissioners to have supervision. The railroad commissioners of this state shall have general supervision over any and all wires for transmitting electric current or any other wire whatsoever crossing under or over any track of a railroad in this state.

SEC. 2. Regulations. Within thirty (30) days from the taking effect of this act said railroad commissioners shall make regulations prescribing the manner in which such wires shall cross such railroad tracks in this state.

SEC. 3. Wires must be strung in manner prescribed. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any corporation or person to place or string any such wire for transmitting electric current or any wire whatsoever across any track of a railroad in this state except in such manner as may be prescribed by the railroad commissioners as provided by this act.

SEC. 4. Examination of wires already strung. The board of railroad commissioners shall, as soon as possible after the taking effect of this act, either by personal examination or otherwise, obtain information where the tracks or railroads are crossed by wires strung over said tracks, contrary to or not in compliance with the rules prescribed by the railroad commissioners as contemplated by this act, and shall order such change or changes to be made by the persons or corporations owning or operating such wires as it may deem necessary to make the same comply with said rules and within such reasonable time as it may prescribe.

SEC. 5. Minimum height. In case such wires cross over said track, in no case shall said board of railroad commissioners prescribe a less height than twenty-two (22) feet above the top of the rails of any railroad track for any wire.

SEC. 6. Wires across railroad right of way at highways. The board of railroad commissioners are hereby authorized to provide for and regulate the crossing of wires over and across railroad rights of way at highways and other places within the state.

SEC. 7. Penalty—enforcement. Any person or corporation who string or maintain any wire across any railroad track in this state at a different height or in a different manner from that prescribed by the said board of railroad commissioners shall forfeit and pay to the state of Iowa the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) for each separate period of ten days during which such wire is so maintained, said forfeiture to be recovered in a civil action brought in any court of competent jurisdiction in the name of the state of Iowa, by the attorney-general, or by the county attorney of the county in which such wire is situated, at the request of the said board of railroad commissioners, and it is hereby made the duty of the said attorney general and county attorney to bring such action forthwith upon being so requested.”

Approved April 6, A. D. 1907.

CHAPTER 110.

REPORTS AND INVESTIGATIONS OF ACCIDENTS ON RAILWAYS.

H. F. 318.

AN ACT providing for reports and investigations of accidents on railways. [Additional to chapter six (6) of title ten (X) of the code.]

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

SECTION 1. Railroad commissioners to investigate accidents—report. That upon the occurrence of any serious accident upon any railroad within this state, which shall result in personal injury, or loss of life, the corporation operating the road upon which the accident occurred shall give immediate notice thereof to the board of railroad commissioners whose duty it shall be, if they deem it necessary, to investigate the same, and promptly report to the governor the extent of the personal injuries, or loss of life, and whether the same was the result of mismanagement or neglect of the corporation on whose line the injury or loss of life occurred. Provided, that such report shall not be evidence or referred to in any case in any court.

SEC. 2. In effect. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall be in force and take effect from and after its publication in the Register and Leader and the Des Moines Capital, newspapers published in Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved March 27, A. D. 1907.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Register and Leader and the Des Moines Capital, March 29, 1907.

W. C. HAYWARD,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 111.

JOINT FREIGHT RATES.

H. F. 282.

AN ACT to repeal sections two thousand one hundred and fifty-three (2153) and two thousand one hundred and fifty-five (2155) of the code, relating to joint freight rates over two or more connecting lines of railway between points within this state, and relating to the power and duties of the board of railroad commissioners, and to enact substitutes therefor.

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

SECTION 1. Repealed—joint rates over connecting lines. That section