

removal from the state, the same shall be filled by the vote of the majority of the remaining members of the board.

Repeal of former act.

SEC. 4. Chapter twenty-eight of the general laws of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, entitled "An act to promote immigration," is hereby repealed.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 24, 1869.

CHAPTER XCII.

March 5, 1869.

An Act to provide for the Collection of Statistics.

SECTION 1. Who to be collector of Statistics—duties of.

2. Assistant Secretary of State to prepare printed forms—for what purpose—duty of city, town or county officers—compensation of said officers.

3. Penalty for non-compliance with provisions of this act.

4. When to report to Governor—what to contain—duty of Governor.

5. Amount of annual appropriation.

6. When act to take effect.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Who to be collector of statistics—duties.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the assistant secretary of state annually to collect and compile from official and any other reliable sources, the statistics of the state of Minnesota pertaining to its agriculture, manufactures and population, including all useful facts which he may be able to gather bearing upon the material and social interests of the state, and tending to afford at home and abroad a correct knowledge of its resources and progress.

To prepare blanks—duty of county officers—compensation.

SEC. 2. The said assistant secretary of state shall have power to address special or general inquiries, with printed forms for answers, or otherwise, at his discretion, to any state, district, county, city or town officer, and it shall be the duty of such officer to answer fully and promptly such special or general questions as may be address-

ed to them by said assistant secretary on all matters of information which can be gathered from documents or records in their official keeping, except such records or documents as public policy requires should be kept secret, and for such services said officers shall be allowed from their respective county treasurers, fees at the rate of fifteen cents for every folio furnished by them.

SEC. 3. Any person who by this act is required to give information and who shall refuse or neglect to answer the inquiries addressed to him by said assistant secretary of state, upon matters of fact or record in his official possession, shall forfeit to the use of the state of Minnesota any sum not exceeding fifty dollars for each offense, to be collected as other fines are collected by law.

Penalty for violating this act.

SEC. 4. The said assistant secretary of state shall, during the month of December in each year, make a written report to the governor giving in a concise and available form the results of his labors, which shall be communicated by the governor to the legislature.

When to report — duty of Governor.

SEC. 5. To cover all the disbursements necessary under the provisions of this act, the sum of six hundred dollars shall be annually appropriated, which sum shall include the additional compensation of the assistant secretary, clerk hire, stationery and all incidental expenses.

Annual appropriation.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

When act to take effect.

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