

Board to make report—what to contain.

reports of their labors and proceedings to the state legislature, accompanied by such references, suggestions and statistics as may furnish good and reliable data and a proper basis for future legislation on the subject of immigration.

Repeal of inconsistent acts.

SEC. 9. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 4, 1870.

CHAPTER XXV.

March 4, 1870.

An Act to provide for the collection and publication of Statistics.

- SECTION 1. Who to be Commissioner of Statistics—duty of.
2. May make general and special inquiries of any State, County, City or Town Officer on all matters of information which can be gathered from records in their official keeping—compensation of said officers for such service.
 3. Duty of Town Assessors—suitable blanks to be furnished by said Commissioner—penalty for neglect of duty—duty of County Auditors.
 4. City and Town Clerks to keep register of births and deaths—form of blank to be used for the purpose.
 5. Duty of parents and others in case of birth or death—penalty for refusal or neglect to notify said officers—within what time specified.
 6. Duty of physician attending a person during his last illness—penalty for non-compliance.
 7. When Clerks to transmit certified copy of the registry of births and deaths to Clerk of District Court—compensation—penalty for negligence or refusal—when Clerk of District Court to report to Commissioner of Statistics.
 8. Commissioner of Statistics to prepare and furnish suitable blanks to facilitate a prompt and uniform performance of duties required.
 9. Forfeiture for non-performance of duties—in what amount.
 10. When Commissioner to make report to Governor.
 11. Annual appropriation to cover necessary disbursements.
 12. Repeal of inconsistent acts.
 13. When act to take effect.

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

SECTION 1. The assistant secretary of state shall be *ex-officio* commissioner of statistics. It shall be his duty annually to collect and compile from official and any other reliable sources, statistics of the state of Minnesota pertaining to its agriculture, manufactures, commerce and population, including vital statistics and 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.

Who to be commissioner of statistics—duty of.

SEC. 2. The said commissioner of statistics shall have power to address general or special inquiries, with printed instructions and blanks 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 general or special questions as may be addressed to them by said commissioner on all matters of information which can be gathered from documents or records in their official keeping, and for such services said officers shall be allowed from their respective county treasuries just and reasonable compensation, computing the same at fifteen cents for every folio furnished by them, including all preparatory labor requisite to obtain the condensed results desired, or they shall receive, if they so elect, forty cents per hour for each hour actually occupied in furnishing such information, the same to be properly verified.

Duty of officers of whom commissioner may solicit information—compensation.

SEC. 3. Each township assessor shall at the time he is required by law to make his return of taxable property to the county auditor, also deliver to him a complete statement in abstract of the number of acres cultivated and the area and product of wheat, rye, barley, buckwheat, corn, oats, beans, potatoes, sorghum, cultivated and wild hay, hops, fruit trees in bearing, berries, bees, honey, and all other products, and also the number of lumber and grist mills, and manufacturing establishments of all kinds, together with the amount of capital invested in each, the value of the annual product and the number of employees; suitable blanks for which shall be supplied by the county auditor, who shall be supplied with the same by the commissioner of statistics. For failure or neglect to perform the said duties, assessors shall forfeit any sum not exceeding fifty dollars for each offense. Each county auditor

Duty of assessors—suitable blanks to be furnished—penalty for neglect of duty—duty of auditors.

shall carefully compile and forward to the commissioner of statistics a full abstract of said returns on or before the first day of December annually, under a penalty of fifty dollars, to be forfeited to the state, for each failure or neglect to perform such duty.

SEC. 4. The clerk of each city and town in this state shall receive or obtain and register the following facts concerning the births and deaths occurring therein, separately numbering and recording the same in the order in which he receives them, designated in separate columns, viz: *In the registry of births, the date of the birth, the name of the child (if it have any), the sex and color of the child, the names and places of birth of the parents, and the date of the record. In the registry of deaths, the date of the death, the name of the deceased, the sex, the color, the condition (whether single, widowed or married), the age, the place of birth, the names and place of birth of the parents, the disease or cause of death, and the date of the record.*

Register of births and deaths to be kept—form of blanks to be used.

SEC. 5. Parents shall give notice to the clerk of their city or town of the births and deaths of their children; every householder shall give like notice of every birth and death happening in his house; the oldest person next of kin shall give such notice of the death of his kindred; the keeper or other proper officer of every work house poor house, reform school, jail, prison, hospital, asylum, or other public or charitable institution, shall give like notice of any birth and death happening among the persons under his charge. Whoever neglects or refuses to give such notice for the period of thirty days after the occurrence of a birth or death, shall forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty dollars, to be collected as other fines are collected by law.

Notice to be given in case of birth or death—penalty for neglect to do so within time specified.

SEC. 6. Any physician having attended a person during his last illness, shall, when requested, within fifteen days after the decease of such person, forthwith furnish for registration a certificate of the duration of the last sickness, the disease of which the person died, and the date of his decease, as nearly as he can state the same. If any physician refuses or neglects to make such certificate he shall forfeit the sum of twenty-five dollars, to be collected as other fines are collected by law.

Duty of physician attending person in last illness—penalty for non-compliance.

SEC. 7. The clerk of each city and town shall annually on or before the tenth day of January transmit to the clerk of the district court of the county embracing such city or

town a certified copy of the registry of births and deaths which have occurred therein during the year ending on the last day of the preceding December. He shall receive from his county treasury for obtaining, registering and returning the facts herein required, twenty five cents for each birth or death so obtained, registered and reported, and for refusal or neglect to perform such duties as herein required, he shall forfeit a sum not exceeding fifty dollars for each offense, to be collected as other fines are collected. The said clerk of the district court shall annually report to the commissioner of statistics on or before the twentieth day of January, an abstract of the registry of births and deaths on pain of forfeiture as hereinafter provided.

When copy of registry to be transmitted to district clerk—penalty for neglect—when district clerk to report to commissioner of statistics

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the commissioner of statistics to prepare and furnish to the officers who are herein required to register and report births and deaths as aforesaid, suitable blanks and instructions to facilitate the regular, prompt and uniform performance of the duties required of them, such blanks and instructions to be forwarded to the clerks of the district courts and by them distributed to the officers aforesaid.

Commissioner to furnish blanks for the purpose.

SEC. 9. Any person who by this act is required to give information to the commissioner of statistics and who shall refuse or neglect to answer the inquiries addressed to him by that officer upon matters of fact or record in his official possession, shall forfeit to the state of Minnesota any sum not exceeding fifty dollars for each offense, to be collected as other fines are collected by law.

Forfeiture for non-performance of duty—in what amount.

SEC. 10. The said commissioner of statistics shall, during the month of January 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, and be printed, distributed and bound with the executive documents, as provided by law.

When commissioner to make report

SEC. 11. To cover all the disbursements necessary under the provisions of this act, the sum of one thousand dollars shall be annually appropriated, which sum shall include the compensation of said commissioner of statistics for the performance of the duties herein specified, and all clerk hire, stationery and incidental expenses.

Annual appropriation to cover expenses.

SEC. 12. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Repeal of inconsistent acts.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER XXVI.

An Act to amend Section Forty-Five, Title Two, and Section One Hundred and Fifty-Five, of Chapter Thirty-Four, of the General Statutes, relating to Corporations.

Feb'y 19, 1870.

- SECTION 1. Amendment to Section Forty-Five (45) of Title Two (2), Chapter Thirty-Four (34) of the General Statutes. Associations to constitute bodies corporate and political Association may purchase any real estate in which they may be interested sold at Sheriff sale.
2. Amendment to Section One Hundred and Fifteen (115), Title Eight (8) of Chapter Thirty-Four (34) of the General Statutes. Associations organized under the provisions of this act may transact business without this State.
 3. When act to take effect.

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

SECTION 1. That section forty-five, of title two, chapter thirty-four, of the general statutes, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 45. Any number of persons not less than three, who have or shall, by articles of agreement in writing, associate according to the provisions of this title, under any name assumed by them for the purpose of engaging in and carrying on the business of mining, smelting or manufacturing iron, copper, or other minerals, or for producing the precious metals, or for quarrying and marketing any kind of ore, stone, slate, or other mineral substance, or for constructing, leasing, or operating docks, warehouses, elevators, or hotels, or as a mutual savings fund loaned, or building association, or manufacturing and furnishing gas, or for any kind of manufacturing, lumber-

Associations created bodies political—may purchase real estate.