

CHAPTER CII.

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION SIX OF CHAPTER SEVEN OF THE GENERAL LAWS OF EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY, AS AMENDED BY SECTION THREE OF CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE OF THE GENERAL LAWS OF EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-THREE, RELATING TO THE REFORM SCHOOL, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF MONEYS NOW DUE FOR THE EXPENSES OF SAID REFORM SCHOOL.

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

SECTION 1. That section six of chapter seven of the general laws of eighteen hundred and seventy, as amended by section three of chapter one hundred and twenty-one of the general laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-three, be amended so as to read as follows :

Sec. 6. That the children received by said managers under the conviction of any court within this state, shall be clothed, maintained, and instructed by the said managers at the public expense of the proper county from which they came ; and the accounts of said children shall be kept by the managers in an intelligible and proper manner, and a copy thereof be forwarded by them to the state auditor at the close of the year ; and they shall also, on or before the last day of December in each year, make out a full and detailed account with each county, from which any child or children may have been committed, and transmit the same to the county auditor, who shall present said account to the board of county commissioners, at their next meeting after the receipt thereof ; and it shall be the duty of the said county commissioners to then set apart from the county revenue fund sufficient money for the payment of said account, and the state auditor shall draw his draft on the county treasurer for the sum so set apart, and the county treasurer shall pay the same to the state treasurer within twenty days after being notified by said state treasurer of the receipt of the state auditor's draft.

SEC. 2. The provisions of this act shall be extended so far as applicable to the amounts due the state from the several counties for clothing, maintaining, and instructing children at the reform school in eighteen hundred and seventy-three and eighteen hundred and seventy-four, and the state auditor is hereby authorized to draw his draft for the amounts due, and the county commissioners shall make prompt provision for the payment thereof.

How expenses
to be collected
from counties.

Provisions of
act to be ex-
tended to for-
mer years.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage. When act to take effect.

Approved March 2, 1875.

CHAPTER CIII.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND ELECTION OF A RAILROAD COMMISSIONER, DEFINING HIS DUTIES, AND TO PREVENT EXTORTION AND UNJUST DISCRIMINATION BY RAILROAD CORPORATIONS IN THIS STATE.

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

SECTION 1. There shall be elected at the general election in November, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, and every two years thereafter, a state railroad commissioner, who shall hold his office for two years, and until his successor is elected and qualified. Such commissioner shall take the oath of office prescribed by law and shall give a bond, with surety [sureties] to be approved by the governor, in the sum of ten thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties as such commissioner. And whenever, from any cause, a vacancy occurs in the office of railroad commissioner, the governor shall appoint some suitable person to fill such vacancy, who, upon taking the oath of office, and giving the bond required by law, shall hold his office until his successor is elected and qualified ; *Provided*, That until the office is filled by election, the governor shall appoint a suitable person to fill the vacancy in such office. Election of railroad commissioner—term of office—oath of office—bond—vacancy, how filled.

SEC. 2. The said commissioner shall hold his office in the capitol in St. Paul. He shall receive a salary of three thousand dollars per annum, to be paid as the salaries of other state officers are paid, and shall be provided at the expense of the state with necessary office furniture and stationery, and he shall have authority to appoint a secretary, who shall receive a salary of twelve hundred dollars per annum. Where office to be held—salary.

SEC. 3. The railroad commissioner shall enquire into any neglect or violation of the laws of this state, by any railroad corporation doing business therein, or by the officers, agents or employees of any such company, and shall also, from time to time, carefully examine and inspect the condition of each railroad in this state, and of its equipment, and the manner of its conduct and management, with relation to the public safety and convenience. He shall also examine into, and ascertain, Duties of commissioner.