

H. F. No. 16.

CHAPTER 100.

Railroad
companies,
freight rates.

An act to prevent railroad companies doing business in this state from raising rates for the transportation of certain freight between points in this state without the consent of the railroad and warehouse commission.

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

Must not
raise freight
rates once
established
without con-
sent of
railroad com-
mission.

SECTION 1. That after any railroad company has once put into effect and maintained for sixty (60) days or more, any rate for the transportation of grain, flax, lumber, coal or live stock, between any stations in this state, on its line of railroad, it shall be unlawful for such railroad company to charge any higher rate for the transportation of any such freight articles between such points, or in any manner change its freight schedules or classifications so that the rate on any such articles of freight shall be increased between such points in this state, without first obtaining from the railroad and warehouse commission an order in writing allowing such advance in rate or change of classification.

Joint rates
established
not to be
changed ex-
cept by con-
sent of com-
mission.

SEC. 2. It shall be unlawful for any railroad company or companies after once having established and maintained for sixty (60) days or more, a joint rate for the transportation of the aforesaid articles of freight, or any of them, between stations or places in this state, to raise such rate and charge more for the transportation of any such freight articles or classifications so that said joint rate will be increased without first obtaining a written order from the railroad and warehouse commission permitting such change of joint rate or change of classification.

May make
application to
railway com-
mission to
raise rates.

SEC. 3. Any railroad company desiring to increase a rate already made by it or any joint rate to which it is a party, coming under the provisions of this act, may make application to the railroad and warehouse commission, stating the existing rate and the amount of the proposed increase, or if the increase is to be made in the classification, showing what change in classification is desired and how much such change will increase the rate, and the reasons for making such changes. Upon receiving such application, the said commission shall fix a time and place for hearing, and give such notice to interested shippers as it shall deem proper and reasonable, and after hearing all the evidence offered, if it finds that it is reasonable, fair and just to both the shippers and the carriers that the carriers should be allowed to make the in-

crease of its rates asked for, it shall grant the application, otherwise it shall deny the application.

SEC. 4. Any railroad company that shall violate any of the provisions of either section one (1) or two (2), this act, shall be subject to a penalty of one hundred (100) dollars for each and every day such violation shall continue, to be recovered in a civil action brought in the name of the State of Minnesota by the attorney general.

Penalty for violation.

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

Approved March 27, 1899.

CHAPTER 101.

H. F. No. 257.

An act to provide for uniform state certificates for teachers in certain public schools in this state, and to repeal all laws inconsistent therewith.

Teachers' certificates, uniformity of.

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

SECTION 1. That the state superintendent of public instruction be authorized to issue state certificates of the following grades: A first grade certificate valid for not to exceed five (5) years, and a second grade certificate valid for not to exceed two (2) years. The requirements for first and second grade certificates shall include both scholastic and professional ability, and the regulations governing the examination for such certificates shall be prescribed by the state superintendent of public instruction. A complete certificate shall certify the scholastic and professional requirements, skill in teaching and moral character. The written answers for the scholastic examination hereinafter provided for shall be read and marked under the direction of the state superintendent of public instruction, and the markings for the professional requirements shall be given by the county superintendent, who shall also be the judge of skill in teaching and moral character of the applicant.

Grades of certificates.

Contents of certificate.

SEC. 2. The county superintendent may revoke any certificate for good cause. The county superintendent shall within ten (10) days after his decision to refuse to issue a certificate or to revoke one already issued, transmit a written statement to the person aggrieved, stating the grounds upon which he refused to grant a certificate, or upon which one already granted was revoked by him,

County superintendent may revoke for good cause; must state grounds therefor.