

**180.01 APPOINTMENT.**

The board of commissioners of any county in this state, where there are at least five mines situate and in operation, is hereby authorized and directed, on or before the first day of July, 1905, to appoint an inspector of mines, who shall hold office for the term of three years or until a successor is appointed and qualified, and in addition thereto may appoint one assistant inspector for every 20 mines as the board may determine for the purpose of discharging the duties hereinafter prescribed; to fix the compensation and traveling expenses of such inspector or any assistant inspector and provide for the payment of the same, and to remove such inspector or any assistant inspector and appoint another in place when in the judgment of the board the best interests of the owners and employees of such mines may so require. In any county where there are active, inactive, or idled mines, and no county mine inspector has been appointed as provided above, the county board shall enforce the provisions of chapter 180 by designating an appropriate county officer or employee to discharge the duties of county mine inspector. The qualifications and salary prescribed in section 180.02 do not apply to the person designated, except that the person may not be interested in any mine as an owner, operator, agent, stockholder, or engineer. Acts or omissions of a person appointed or designated to perform the duties of county mine inspector, whether statutory or discretionary, are acts or omissions as defined in section 466.03, subdivision 5 or 6.

**History:** (4233) 1905 c 166 s 1; 1951 c 687 s 1; 1986 c 444; 1988 c 530 s 4