

TITLES AND SUMMARIES OF ALL LAWS ENACTED IN LEGISLATURE

Raleigh, June 16.—While the North Carolina General Assembly was making its record of duration of the 1931 session it was enacting some of the most important laws that have ever been placed on the statute books of the State—laws that in many respects completely changed long-established and venerable policies. Radical in its results will be the transfer of authority from local units to the central government in Raleigh, brought about in large part by the falling down of local government and the economic conditions.

Notably absent from the laws of 1931 are a multitude of measures validating acts of local governing boards and particularly bonds and notes issued. This was avoided studiously and definitely, but one or two general acts permitted such validation, when certain requirements of the Local Government Commission are met.

The recent session consolidated and combined to a greater extent than any other its acts and, despite the 141 days, the number enacted is not larger than two years ago. More than 400 laws were enacted and resolutions passed of a public or general nature, but not more than 300 are of general interest. The titles of practically all of these laws, indicating their nature, are given below, with brief summaries of a few of the most important.

School Law—Change in policy from county operation with State aid to State operation with county aid, conducted under direction of the State Board of Equalization, the State funds to be supplemented by county and local district funds for extended term, better facilities and costs other than current expenses. Supplies will be purchased through State division of purchase and contract, teacher load increased and salary cut not to exceed 10 per cent of state schedule.

Local Government—Director and commission have charge of sales of all bonds and notes and authority to issue them, requiring reports of funds in banks and collateral, requiring uniform bookkeeping systems for all units and authorized to take charge of the affairs of any unit defaulting or lax.

Highways—State takes over 45,000 miles of county highways for maintenance, with special attention to school bus routes; takes over 3,000 county convicts and all prison camps, working all prisoners sentenced to 60 days or more, short term prisoners to be worked on city streets.

Prison—Construction of new central prison provided, at which scientific farming, and many industrial pursuits will be taught.

Appropriations—Limit appropriations to State departments and divisions to provide for salary cut of 10 per cent for all employees, and reduce salaries of certain high-priced officials, including executive counsel, Corporation Commission attorney, director of State-owned farms and others.

Banking—Create Department of Banking and provide for strict supervision and prosecution of banking law violators.

Purchase—Create Division of Purchase and Contract, through which all State and school supplies and services will be purchased at wholesale prices on competitive bids, saving \$400,000 a year or more.

Personnel—Create a Division of Personnel in Governor's office to assure more competent service in State departments and divisions.

Labor—Create a new Department of Labor, taking place of Department of Labor and printing, having charge of all phases of labor and labor statistics and regulation in the State.

Taxes—Providing for a study of listing and assessing of property for taxation by the Tax Commission. Providing that all property shall be listed at its 1930 value for collection of the 15-cent ad valorem tax for schools.

Public Service—Providing for complete reports of public service corporations as to holdings, costs, rates, etc., to Corporation Commission.

Disband the Judicial Conference and provide for a commission to study the laws of the State.

Provide for a Constitutional Commission to study State's Constitution as to amendments needed or a new constitution.

Other laws and resolutions, about 275 of them, enacted by the General Assembly are as follows:

Revise law as to establishing cartways, making it conform to changes in new road law.

Provide for additional member of State Board of Equalization from new Congressional district.

Promote standardization of transportation systems for school children and provide for economical operation. Amending the act providing for incorporation and maintenance of cooperative organizations.

Authorize the Atlantic and North Carolina Railway Co. to construct and erect a suitable terminal and warehouse near such company's pier at Morehead City on earnings of company.

Providing for the extension of special assessments.

Punish abandonment by mother of children under sixteen years of age. Amend Sec. 2583, C.S., relating to appointment of trustees in deeds of trust.

Regulate mutual burial associations and assessment insurance associations.

Amend Sec. 2, Article 13, of the Constitution as it relates to submission to the people of amendments.

Amend Chapter 43, P.L. 1929, in re: fixing interest or discount rate which an agricultural credit corporation may charge on loans.

Reorganize the Department of Agriculture, to appoint a board, and to define the duties of said board.

Promote safe driving on the highways and to enforce collection of judgments against irresponsible drivers of motor vehicles.

Amend Chapter 201, P.L. 1929, re-

quiring county officials to make contracts for auditing and to standardize bookkeeping systems so as to include officials of cities, towns and special charter districts.

Amend Sec. 2942, C.S., the Municipal Finance Act, so as to provide for the financing of airports or landing fields by cities and towns.

Amend Ch. 122, P.L. 1927, as amended by Ch. 272, P.L., changing the basis of automobile license plates from horsepower to weight of vehicles.

Amend Ch. 239, P.L. 1925, prohibiting the use of public owned automobiles for private purposes, applicable to cities and towns.

Providing for special judges in North Carolina.

Providing for appointment by the Governor of accountant upon certification by the County Government Advisory Commission (Local Government Commission).

To assure payment and disbursement in full of the appropriation for support of six months school by sale of anticipatory notes if revenues are short.

Appropriate \$50,000 to secure right-of-way for inland waterway from Cape Fear River and Southport to the South Carolina line.

Reappropriate and reallocate certain unallotted balances of permanent improvement appropriations made to institutions under Institutional Bond Acts of 1925, Ch. 192, P.L. 1925, 147 P.L. 1927, 295 P.L. 1929.

Amend Ch. 119, P.L. 1929, relating to State Barber License, extending provisions to towns and cities of 500 population or more.

Provide for compilation of statistics relating to blind of the State.

Amend Ch. 191, P.L. 1925, relating to fees to be charged for tags or labels for inspection of bedding.

Banks
Amend Sub-sec. 16, Sec. 1, Ch. 113, P.L. 1927 (and Sec. 218 (c), C.S.), relating to banks.

Authorize and ratify certain acts of boards of directors of insolvent banks with respect to performance of duties of banks as trustees in deeds of trust.

Determine conditions under which banks which have been taken possession of by the Commissioner of Banks may be reopened for transaction of business.

Amend Sec. 6377, C.S. pertaining to the licensing of banks to act as fiduciaries?

Amend Sub-sec. 7, Sec. 218 (c), C.S., conferring upon the Commissioner of Banks or liquidating agents certain powers, in re mortgages, deeds of trust, etc.

Preserve the fiduciary powers and liabilities of banks upon consolidation.

Validate acts of Corporation Commission, the Chief State Bank Examiner or liquidating agents in respect to exercising power of sale of mortgages and deeds of trust in connection with banks in liquidation.

Permitting State Treasurer to charge lower rate of interest on monthly balances and enable him to protect State Funds which, by reason of present conditions cannot be protected by a depository bond.

Authorize clerks of Superior Courts to appoint successor trustees to insolvent banks and trust companies.

Create office of Commission of Banks and to provide for maintenance of the Banking Department.

Amend Sec. 7064, C.S., relating to organization of county boards of health, by placing a dentist thereon.

Reorganize the Department of Health and provide for appointment of members of the N. C. Board of Health and to prescribe certain duties of said board.

Building and Loan
Amend Sec. 4231, C.S., relating to derogatory statements with reference to building and loan associations.

Amend Sec. 5170, C.S., relating to organization of building and loan associations.

Amend Sec. 5176 C.S., relating to entrance and membership fees and solicitors' commissions in building and loan associations.

Amend Sec. 5177 C.S., relative to reserve fund in building and loan associations.

Amend Sec. 5180, relating to mutuality of building and loan associations.

Bonds
Postpone date at which a sinking fund is begun to be provided for bonds of the State to be issued for the Industrial Farm Colony for Women.

Amend Sec. 927 C.S., relative to bonds of clerks of the Superior Court. Provide manner in which the issuance of bonds or notes of a unit and indebtedness of a unit may be validated.

Amend Ch. 41, P.L. 1927, as amended by Ch. 127, P.L. 1929, relative to maturities of bonds of the State for construction of a bridge across Cape Fear River at Wilmington.

Requiring county officials to pay premiums on surety bonds given by them.

Amend Sec. 45, C.S., in reference to the manner of advertisement for claims by executors, administrators and executors.

Relating to extradition of persons charged with crime, and to make uniform the law with reference thereto.

Amend Ch. 272, P.L. 1929, relative to fees of duplicate certificates of title.

Amend Sec. 677, relating to annual fees to be paid by students to State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

To appoint members of Board of Education of respective counties of N. C., fix their terms of office and limit compensation at State expense. Clarify and amend Ch. 313, P.L. 1925, relating to practice of General Contracting.

Create a commission for the improvement of the laws.

Prevent awarding of contracts by boards or officers of counties, cities and towns or other subdivisions of

the State until competitive bids are received.

Amend Sec. 5033 C.S., as amended by Ch. 251, P.L. 1927, relating to employment of children under 16 years of age.

Amend Ch. 91, P.L. 1927, increasing duties of County Government Advisory Commission.

Amend Ch. 100, P.L. 1929, providing for filling vacancies on Advisory Budget Commission.

Amend Sec. 5416, C. S. and index, relating to vacancies in the office of county board of education, by chairman of party of which former member belonged.

Amend the code of civil procedure as to the joinder of parties.

Amend Sec. 8081, subsec. (a) C.S., relative to corn meal.

Repeal and re-enact Sec. 1288 C.S., with reference to liability of criminal costs before a justice of the peace.

Amend Sec. 2144 and repeal Secs. 2145 and 2146, relating to contracts and futures.

Regulate collectors of accounts and detective agencies.

Amend Sec. 2577 C.S., so as not to require the joinder of wife in conveyances of household and kitchen furniture when said conveyance is executed for purchase money thereof.

Provide for competitive bidding on all contracts for building and repairs of permanent improvements at the several institutions of the State.

Require clerks of the superior court to certify to the Commissioner of Revenue annually names of all attorneys located within their county and engaged in the practice of law.

Amend Ch. P.L. 1923, Sec. 2792C.S. and acts amendatory thereto, relating to condemnation proceedings and assessment districts for condemnation proceedings.

Charters
Amend charter of Eastern Bank of Cherokee Indians.

Authorizing issuance of bonds in certain cases by special charter school districts.

Amendment, relative to compulsory school attendance of Cherokee Indians.

Cities and Towns
Amend Ch. 201 P.L. 1929, requiring county officials to make contracts for auditing and to standardize bookkeeping systems so as to include officials of cities, towns and special charter districts.

Amend Sec. 1297 (17) C.S. and Ch. 31, 1927, so as to provide for working certain prisoners in the public streets of cities and towns.

Consolidated Statutes
Amend C.S. 2347 and 2481, so as to protect rights of tenants, lessees, croppers and merchants making advances under Agricultural Lien Law.

Amend Sec. 2329 C.S., exempting brakemen from Jury Duty.

Amend Sec. 4106 C.S., so as to permit the clerk to appoint the jurors to allot dower, when requested by either party, in lieu of the sheriff summoning them.

Amend C. S. 1444 by enlarging powers of presiding judge at criminal terms of the superior court.

Amend 5531 C.S. relating to method of abolishing special tax in special tax districts.

Amend Secs. 4060, 4080, 4087 C.S. relating to warehouse receipts and the negotiability thereof.

Amend Sec. 5126-a requiring all checks given by tobacco warehouse for purchase of leaf tobacco to be made payable to order.

Amend Sec. 6124, relating to administration of State parks, and forests by Dept. of Conservation and development.

Amend Ch. 36, P.L. 1927, amending C.S. 7667, relative to distribution of Supreme Court Reports and other public laws and documents.

Fixing settlement of paupers coming into the State from other states.

Amend 5033 C.S., so as to permit newspaper carrier boys to be employed between the hours of 5 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Amend Sec. 8014, C.S. in reference to the matter of advertisement of tax sales.

Amend 2935 C.S., in relation to temporary loans of municipalities.

Amend Sec. 473 C.S. relating to additional jurors from other counties instead of removal of cases to other counties.

Amend Sec. 690 C.S., relating to sales under execution.

Defining illegal punchboards and slot machines, amending C.S. 4433.

Amend Ch. 196 P.L. 1925, relating to landlords and tenants.

Amend Ch. 94, Art. 1, C.S., relating to drainage.

Amend Ch. 220 P.L. 1923 and act amendatory thereto, relating to condemnation proceedings and assessment districts for condemnation proceedings.

Amend Sec. 480 C.S., extending the time for issuing alias or pluries summonses in tax suits.

Amend Drainage Act, Secs. 5260 to 5362, C.S., as amended, relating to time for sale of land for failure to pay drainage assessment.

Amend Sec. 1681 C.S. relating to payment to damage done by dogs.

Amend Sec. 6382 C.S., pertaining to the limitation of liability to be assumed by fidelity and surety companies.

To permit the removal of land from the operation and provisions of Ch. 47 C.S., as amended, known as the "Torrens Law."

Amend State Pure Seed Law, Ch. 194, P.L. 1929, Art. 12, Vol. 2 C.S.

Providing for special judges in North Carolina.

Prohibit non-residents from fishing with nets, etc., within one marine league of the shores of the State, amending Sec. 1965-a, C. S.

Amend Sec. 6530 C. S. providing for issuance by fraternal beneficiary societies of insurance upon the lives of children.

Amend Sec. 6760 C.S. regulating

practice of veterinary surgery.

Amend Sec. 1608 Sub. Ch. 4, R-ecorders courts.

Amend Sec. 6283 C.S. pertaining to notices to clerks of superior courts of insurance companies licensed by the insurance department.

Amend Sec. 45, C.S. in reference to manner of advertisement for claims by executors, administrators and collectors.

Amend Sec. 8060, C.S., relating to weights and measures.

Amend Sec. 956 C.S., pertaining to reports of clerks of superior courts. To punish trustees embezzling the funds of cestui que trustant.

the people of amendments, at times other than general elections.

Establishing conclusive presumption of physical infirmities justifying exemption from capitation tax of certain ex-soldiers.

Amend Sec. 24, Art. 4, of the Con-stitution, relative to sheriffs and coroners providing for their election each four years.

Amend Sec. 23, Art. 4, of constitu-tion, relating to solicitors.

Protect insurance for wives and children from creditors during life of insured.

Corporations
Amend Sec. 1190 G.S., relating to involuntary dissolution of corporations.

Amend Ch. 116 P.L. 1921, as amended by Ch. 262, Sec. 4, P.L. 1925, relating to capital stock of Corporations.

Amend Sec. 1, Ch. 77, P.L. 1925, in regard to charges to be made against corporations merging under provisions of the laws of North Carolina.

Repeal Ch. 256, P.L. 1929, relating to mortgages of corporations.

Courts
Amend Sec. 1444 C.S., enlarging powers of the presiding judge at criminal terms of superior court.

Give actions of claim and delivery priority on calendar at next civil term following issuance and filing of pleadings in same.

Provide for continuance of cases calendared for trial in superior court.

Authorize county commissioners to abolish county recorders courts.

Amend Ch. 93 P.L. 1921, as amended by Ch. 71 P.L. 1929, relating to payment of money in office of clerk of court of persons dying intestate.

Providing that courts of N. C. take judicial notice of the U. S. laws and those of any state, territory or dependency thereof, or of any foreign country whenever same shall be material.

Prescribing manner of protecting and investing money placed in trust with clerks of superior court.

Authorizing county commissioners to establish county courts with criminal jurisdiction.

Providing for an alternate juror in certain cases.

Regulating sales of real and personal property by receivers.

Amend Sec. 956 C.S., pertaining to reports of clerks of superior courts.

Authorize clerks of court to have photostatic copies made of plats, maps and blue prints and file with records of special proceedings to which they relate.

Relating to regulation of practices in insolvency and certain other proceedings.

Amend Ch. 216 P.L. 1923, relating to issuing warrants and drawing juries in the general county courts of the State.

Provide for establishment of a De-partment of Labor, and to prescribe the powers and duties of the department and of Commissioner of Labor.

Granting divorces in certain cases. Amend Sec. 1659 C.S., relating to divorces.

Enable any two or more counties to establish a district prison farm in lieu of separate jails.

Enable any two or more counties to establish a district hospital-home in lieu of separate county homes.

Authorizing declaratory judgments. Prohibit sale of hypnotic drugs in N. C.

Agriculture
Regulating sale of "mixed feed oats" in N. C.

Classify eggs, regulate the sale of same and make unlawful acts define. Define oleomargarine and to prevent fraud in its manufacture, storage and sale, defining violations of this act and fixing penalties.

Conservation and Development
Amend Sec. 2124 C.S., relating to administration of State parks and forests.

Permitting pound net fishing within three-mile limit of Atlantic Ocean.

Make more effective the control of the State over corrupt practices in primaries and elections.

Amend Ch. 164 P.L. 1929, relating to election laws and amend Secs. 5932 and 6045 relating thereto.

To enable independent candidates to have their names put upon official ballot in municipal elections.

Relating to extradition of persons charged with crime and to make uniform the law with reference thereto.

Naming bridge over Roanoke River on Highway No. 12, Edwards Ferry Bridge.

Amend Sec. 3, Ch. 335, P.L. 1929, relative to fees for non-resident fishing license.

Protect the public from false ad-vertisement and fraudulent sales.

Repeal Ch. 221, P.L. 1927, and amendatory acts, relating to foreclosure.

Authorize receivers and trustees to foreclose deeds of trust and mortgages under court orders and validating such foreclosures and sales.

Amend Sec. 6465 C.S. pertaining to notice of non-payment of insurance premium before forfeiture.

Provide for cooperation with U. S. Bureau of Fisheries in Fish Culture operations and scientific investigations in waters of N. C.

Amend Sec. 6283 C.S. pertaining to notices to clerks of superior courts of insurance companies licensed by the Insurance Commissioner.

Amend Ch. 58 P.L. 1925, "To de-fine and regulate group life insurance."

Determining rights of creditors and beneficiaries under policies of life insurance.

Amend Sec. 6291 C.S. relating to licensing insurance agents.

Provide for regulation of Work-men's Compensation Insurance Rate.

Amend Sec. 6414 C.S. relative to service of legal process upon Insurance Commissioner.

Regulate placing of juvenile delin-quents or dependents and to define what shall constitute a settlement of such child coming from without the State into N. C.

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