

ity is desirable; to ascertain the best means to effect uniformity in the laws of the state, and to represent the state of Wisconsin in conventions of like commissions heretofore appointed or to be appointed by other states; to consider and draft uniform laws to be submitted for approval and adoption of the several states; and to devise and recommend such other course of action as shall best accomplish the purpose of this act; said board of commissioners shall make report to the governor and the legislature.

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SECTION 2. Said commission shall be permanent; one of said commissioners shall be appointed for the term of one year, one for the term of two years, and one for the term of three years, and thereafter successors of said commissioners shall be appointed for the full term of three years.

Commission to be permanent.

SECTION 3. Chapter 83, of the laws of 1893, in so far as the same conflicts with this act, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 240.

AN ACT to prohibit conspiracy between employers or corporations to prevent persons from obtaining employment.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 349, of the laws of 1887, relating to blacklisting employes, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: It shall be unlawful for any two or more employers of labor,

Unlawful to conspire to prevent persons from obtaining employment.

whether it be person, partnership, company or corporation, to combine or agree to combine, for the purpose of preventing any person or persons seeking employment from obtaining the same, or for the purpose of procuring and causing the discharge of any employe or employes, either by threats, promises, or by circulating blacklists, or causing the same to be circulated.

SECTION 2. If any person, partnership, company or corporation, after having discharged any employe from his or its service shall prevent or attempt to prevent such discharged employe from obtaining employment with any other person, partnership, company or corporation, either by threats, promises, or by blacklisting such discharged employe, and circulating said blacklist, such person, partnership, company or corporation, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Unlawful to blacklist any discharged employe.

SECTION 3. If any person, partnership, company or corporation shall authorize, permit or allow any of its or their agents to blacklist any discharged employe or employes, or any employe or employes who may have voluntarily left the service of such person, partnership, company or corporation, and to circulate the same, to prevent such employe or employes from obtaining employment from any other person, partnership, company or corporation, such person, partnership, company or corporation shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Unlawful to interfere with employe's privilege to join a labor organization.

SECTION 4. Any person, partnership, company or corporation who shall hereafter coerce or compel any person or persons to enter into an agreement not to join or become a member of any labor organization as a condition of such person or persons securing employment, or continuing in the employment of any such person, partnership, company or corporation, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Penalty prescribed for violating any of the requirements of this act.

SECTION 5. Any person, partnership, company or corporation violating any of the provisions of the preceding sections shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less

than one hundred dollars or more than five hundred dollars; and all fines so collected shall be paid into the treasury of the state of Wisconsin for the use of the common school fund.

SECTION 6. Nothing in this act shall be construed as prohibiting any person, partnership, company or corporation from giving any other person, company or corporation to whom such discharged employe has applied for employment, or to any bondsman or surety, a truthful statement of the reasons for such discharge, when requested so to do by such employe or person to whom he has applied for employment, or by such bondsman or surety, but it shall be unlawful to give such information with the intent to blacklist, hinder or prevent such employe from obtaining employment; nor shall anything in this act be construed as prohibiting any person, partnership, company or corporation from keeping for his or its own information and protection a record showing the habits, character and competency of his or its employes, and the cause of the discharge or voluntarily quitting of any employe of such employer.

Truthful statement for discharging employe may be given.

SECTION 7. All acts or parts of acts contravening or inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 13, 1895.