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CHAPTER 299.

AN ACT regulating the inspection of the Bayfield rifles.

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

SECTION. 1. The adjutant general is hereby authorized to make inspection of the Bayfield rifles, a volunteer company of the Wisconsin national guard, at any time during the year; and upon being satisfied that said organization has been kept up and maintained by members duly uniformed, and that it has kept a suitable armory, and properly cared for the state property in charge of its commander, he is hereby authorized to certify and allow its annual pay and benefits for the years 1879, 1880, the same as though said company had been duly inspected and duly complied with the law in respect to inspections, musters, parades, returns and reports. The commander of said company is hereby authorized to enlist and recruit members of his company residing in Ashland county, and when a sufficient number are there enlisted, to have the headquarters of one platoon of said company at Ashland.

Inspection to take place at any time during year.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 300.

AN ACT relating to state officers and making the railroad commissioner and commissioner of insurance elective, as other state officers, and prescribing their duties and salary, and amendatory of sections one hundred and twenty-eight and one thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven of the revised statutes, and to repeal section one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two of the revised statutes, and amendatory of section six of chapter two hundred and forty of the laws of 1880.

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

SECTION 1. Section one hundred and twenty-eight, chapter eleven, revised statutes of 1878, shall be amended so as to read as follows: Section 128. The governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, treasurer, attorney general, state superintendent, railroad commissioner, and commissioner of insurance, shall be chosen at the general election in the year 1881, and biennially thereafter; and the regular term of office of

Elective officers.

said state officers, when elected for a full term, shall commence on the first Monday in January next succeeding their election.

Repealed.

SECTION 2. Section one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, chapter eighty-seven, revised statutes of 1878, entitled of the railroad commissioner, is hereby repealed.

Qualification of railroad commissioner.

SECTION 3. No person in the employment of, or owning any stock, bonds, or otherwise pecuniarily interested in any railroad, freight or transportation company, or being any officer of such company, shall be eligible to the office of railroad commissioner.

Oath of office and bond of railroad commissioner.

SECTION 4. Section one thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven, chapter eighty-nine of the revised statutes of 1878, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 1967. Before entering upon the duties of his office, the commissioner of insurance shall take and subscribe to an oath of office to be filed with the secretary of state; and he shall also execute a bond to the state of Wisconsin in the penal sum of twenty thousand dollars, with two or more good and sufficient sureties, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties, which bond when approved by the governor, shall be deposited with the state treasurer. The commissioner of insurance shall have an official seal, and shall cause to be conducted all examinations of the affairs of insurance corporations that are or may be required by law; and generally shall exercise such supervision and control over insurance companies doing business in this state, as the law may require. Said commissioner of insurance shall hold his office in the capitol, and be provided with postage, stationery, printing, and office supplies, the expense thereof to be paid out of the state treasury. All reports required to be made by any insurance corporation, shall be made to said commissioner; and he shall, on or before the first day of July in each year, make a report to the governor of all transactions of his office, including a statement of the fees received by him as such commissioner, and such other matters as have been heretofore included in such report, or as he may be required to make report of by law.

Commissioner of insurance.

Duty of commissioner of insurance.

SECTION 5. Section six, chapter two hundred and forty, of the laws of 1880, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 6. It shall be the duty of the commissioner of insurance, when he deems the evidence sufficient, to prosecute or cause to be prosecuted, all violations of the insurance laws of the state.

There shall be paid annually to the commissioner of insurance, by insurance companies, organized under the laws of this state, one dollar; by life and accident insurance companies, not organized under the laws of this state, one dollar; and by fire and marine insurance companies, not organized under the laws of this state, two dollars; for each certificate issued by him to the agents of such companies during the year; which sums aforesaid, together with all fees paid by insurance companies as now required by law, shall be paid over to the treasurer of the state of Wisconsin, monthly, and be credited to the general fund. It shall be the duty of the commissioner of insurance, to tabulate and publish in his annual report the statistics given in the reports of town insurance companies; also to give the name and location of each company, together with the names of its officers, and to furnish the secretary thereof with a copy of each annual report.

SECTION 6. The salary of the commissioner of insurance shall be three thousand dollars annually, which shall be paid out of the state treasury the same as the salaries of other state officers; and he may, when necessary, employ a clerk at a salary of twelve hundred dollars per annum, to be paid in like manner. Salary of commissioner of insurance.

SECTION 7. All acts and parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed. Repealed.

SECTION 8. The first term of office of the railroad commissioner, provided by this act, shall commence on the fifteenth day of February, 1882, and the first term of office of the commissioner of insurance provided by this act, shall commence on the first Monday of April, 1882, and the salary provided by this act, shall apply on and after the first Monday of April, 1882. Terms of office

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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