

SUMMARY OF LAWS ENACTED BY 37TH SESSION OF NEBRASKA'S LEGISLATURE

A Brief Digest of All Measures Passed by the Senate and House and Signed by the Governor Which Constitute the Session Laws of 1919

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Lincoln—The following digest of laws enacted by the 1919 Legislature has been prepared with care from the original bills signed by the governor.

Laws enacted as "emergency" measures take effect immediately on being signed by the governor. In the following digest all such emergency acts are indicated by an asterisk (*) appearing before the number of the bill.

The governor's "Civil Administration Code" bill, Senate File 2, presents an unusual situation and must be considered in connection with the digest of laws listed below.

The Code bill in its final form embraced nearly 1,000 pages and in addition to establishing a new form of administration it includes a rewriting of hundreds of sections of the existing law without substantial change of meaning.

The Code abolishes many boards, centralizing authority in the hands of the governor. It creates six administrative departments, each directed by a secretary appointed by the governor for a term of two years.

These secretaries receive \$5,000 per year—one at the head of each of the following departments: Finance, Agriculture, Labor, Public Welfare, Trade and Commerce, Public Works.

The governor is empowered to appoint all assistants and clerks and to fix the amount of salary.

SENATE FILES. 1. Joint resolution ratifying national prohibition amendment.

2. Governor McKelvie's "Civil Administration Code," a radical reorganization of the civil administration of the state government in all executive departments.

3. Joint resolution memorializing U. S. Senate to pass a national amendment for woman suffrage.

4. County boards to appoint a jail physician, also a jail matron if female is jailed.

5. No alien may hold an appointive public office.

6. Prohibits all public officers from appointing an alien to any public office.

75. Outlines course of study in 8 grade school which pupil must pass with 75 average to be entitled to free high school tuition.

76. All sellers of automobiles and tractors to carry a stock of repairs and parts for same at some point in the state.

77. Revises out-of-pocket law and provides for new award. Permits use of drugs under prescribed conditions.

78. Authorizes cities of first and second class to purchase and operate privately owned public utilities through special condemnation proceedings.

79. Requires examination of all school children for defective sight, hearing, teeth or communicable disease.

80. Increases salary of county attorney on basis of population.

81. Repeals daily report law relating to water in irrigation ditch and requires owners to install gauge to show amount of water used.

82. When real estate mortgage can be taxed against the mortgagee, owner of real estate to pay taxes on full value of real estate.

83. Exempts from physical examination applicants for fraternal accident and health insurance.

84. Makes legal the acknowledgment taken by military officers on all documents affecting title to real estate.

85. Requires sheriffs, police chiefs and institution heads to report monthly the commitment of aliens coming under their custody.

86. Increases maximum levy for county high school 5 to 8 mills. Exempts certain districts from county high school levy.

87. Permits city to take census to determine if eligible to commission form of government.

88. State highway officials may purchase and deliver road materials, opening at places for producing such materials and to sell same at cost for road purposes.

89. Creates state trade commission to enforce "blue sky" law. Expands regulation of sale of stocks and bonds to cover minutely such transactions.

90. Permits Nebraska insurance companies to insure ocean marine risks, auto collisions resulting damage to the person of owner.

91. Prescribes qualifications of registered nurses. Lowers fee to \$5 and requires 3 years high school and defines standards of nursing.

92. Governor's bill raising salary of Adj. Gen. Neb. Natl. Guard to \$3,000 and Asst. Adj. Gen. to \$2,400.

93. Governor's bill creating Department of Justice headed by Attorney General. Gives general supervision of all actions brought by any department of the state, of all criminal proceedings and all actions in all counties with county attorney.

94. Governor's bill extending authority of state fire commissioner to tear down dangerous or condemned buildings.

95. Re-establishes conservation and soil survey bureau.

96. Governor's bill. County boards may declare roads to rural high schools as "country roads" and give same improvement on basis of population.

97. Governor's bill redefining school districts of the state with standard district of 25 square miles. Exceptions, procedure and protest noted in great detail.

98. Repeal of "Soldier's voting law" passed by the special session of 1918.

HOUSE ROLLS. 1. Creates Capital Commission of Governor, State Engineer and three appointed by governor to erect new state capitol building. Levies 1/2 mill tax for 6 years or total of about five million dollars.

2. Appropriates \$3,011 of state library fund for purchase of books.

3. No pay for juror on days excused from court. Permits extra mileage at discretion of court.

4. Cities of 5 to 25 thousand vote bonds for municipal public utilities by majority vote.

5. Gift to religious or charitable institution not to be invalidated by uncertainty of title. Applies to state capitol building. Levies 1/2 mill tax for 6 years or total of about five million dollars.

6. State to pay for extermination of prairie state on state land.

7. Names to written, non-partisan ballot at primary for county judge or superintendent shall not receive nomination unless vote equal to 10 per cent of vote school.

8. Attempt to steal auto a felony. One to ten years imprisonment on conviction.

9. Defines conspiracy to commit felony. Act of one conspirator binds all connected therewith.

10. Uniform railroad right-of-way law. Cities and towns to 100 feet in width through the state.

11. Increases salary of county clerk on basis of population.

12. Repeals law relating to the various activities of the State University, of which one mill is for general maintenance, three-fourths mill for permanent improvement, one-fourth mill for school \$5,000. The Omaha (Medical College) branch receives \$25,000. Scottsbluff irrigation school \$25,000. Curtis Agricultural School \$5,000. North Platte station \$68,000. Scottsbluff station \$8,000. Valentine station \$11,500. The total amounting to \$1,600,000 annually.

13. Awards attorney fee to plaintiff when contesting insurance policy in court and securing favorable verdict.

14. Douglas county commissioners to be eliminated by districts and elected at large.

15. Jurisdiction of health boards in cities five to twenty-five thousand limited to the corporate limits of Lincoln.

16. Jurisdiction of health boards in cities of second class limited to the corporate limits.

17. Jurisdiction of health boards in cities of metropolitan class to the corporate limits.

18. Jurisdiction of health boards in villages limited to the corporate limits.

19. Cotton duck and canvas coverings to be marked with weight, size, grade, etc.

20. County clerk of Douglas county to be elected by the county assessor to make up assessor's books.

21. Authorizes Douglas county attorney to employ detective.

22. Releases bank from liability for forged, altered or raised check unless cashed in bank.

23. Changes fee charged for examination of bank and permits more frequent examination.

24. Increases penalties for obstructing duties along public highways.

25. Prohibits deduction of U. S. bonds from taxable value of a bank's capital stock.

26. For the control, suppression and treatment of venereal diseases.

27. Increases Omaha maximum school levy from 5 to 6 per cent.

28. Cities of second class may buy or sell heat, light and water, or to, annually.

29. Appropriates \$26 for the relief of Mrs. J. M. Tizor for death of son by accident at Kearney industrial school.

30. Increases maximum levy for public libraries along highways from the mills. Reduces library board to five members on July 1st.

31. Teachers salaries to continue when school is closed owing to epidemic disease.

32. Prohibits public dances on Sunday.

33. Increases salary of water commissioner in cities of second class and villages from \$1,000 to \$1,400.

34. Increases pay of road overseer from \$3 to \$4 per day.

35. Emergency appropriation of \$25,000 to enforce prohibitory law to April 1, 1919.

36. Appropriates \$3,000 for revolving fund for state printer.

37. Lincoln school board to pay interest annually on building warrants.

38. Creates deputy for Lancaster county sheriff \$1,500 salary.

39. Creates county board of health consisting of sheriff, superintendent and physician.

40. Eliminates the words, "malt, sprituous and vinous liquors" from the mis-branding section of the pure food act.

41. Officers of insolvent bank may accept bond and be permitted to retain control and wind up its affairs.

42. Maximum school levy in Lincoln raised to 100 mills on 60 per cent vote; authorizes additional tax for new buildings; levies 100 mills on net assessed valuation of the district.

43. Increase maximum state hall income to \$15 per acre. New schedule of rates. Premium paid with personal taxes.

44. Increased pay of county clerks, treasurers and county judges, based on population.

ALL MUST BE FED

Practically Every European Country Short of Foodstuffs.

Agriculturists on This Side of the Water Are Called on to Save the World From Starvation—Western Canada's Great Opportunity.

Considerable discussion is taking place in the papers as to the amount of money that the United States will have to pay for its guarantee of the price of wheat for 1919. The indications at present are that the treasury will not be affected. Instead of wheat going down the outlook now is that it will go considerably above the present guarantee. It is not only the opinion of a man of the experience of Mr. Hoover that gives weight to this assumption, but we have the glaring fact that there will be more mouths to feed for this year, and the next year or so, than there were in 1918, and the quantity of food will be little, if any, greater.

The assumption is based on the fact that Germany, Austria and Poland, and others of the fighting nations, unable to secure food enough in the past two or three years, and still unable to supply it within themselves, will require to be fed. The food can now be taken to them. For some time the soldiers will require to be fed; Italy will have its demands. There will be additional shipping, some of which will be needed for requirements of India, but it will also make ocean transport easier. Mr. Hoover is possibly better acquainted than any other individual observer with both the world's food needs and its prospects of supplying them.

He is naturally very closely in touch with conditions on this continent and his position as virtual dictator of the distribution of American-grown food in Europe has given him a possibly unique insight into European needs.

Mr. Hoover says there will be no surplus from the 1918 crop to carry over into 1919. Even under normal conditions this would be a sufficiently precarious situation, for there naturally never is any possible guarantee that one or more of the great wheat-producing countries in Europe may not experience a crop failure. Under present conditions, however, such lack of surplus is distinctly dangerous, for the very European nations upon which that continent could normally rely for the great bulk of its wheat, that is to say Russia, Bulgaria, Serbia and Roumania, will for obvious reasons be unable to supply their own demands for the coming year. In addition to this, Mr. Hoover points out that famine in India will call for a substantial proportion of the Australian surplus, and that, moreover, a considerable part of the Australian supply, which for lack of shipping has been accumulating in that country, has spoiled.

And the demand is by no means only for wheat. Mr. Hoover estimated that he would be able to furnish Germany 180,000 tons of grain during the month of April. But it is asserted that the German stocks of all kinds of grain and of potatoes and vegetables will surely be exhausted before June.

Mr. Hoover has also expressed the belief that it is questionable whether under the circumstances food enough can be supplied to tide Germany over until the next harvest.

It is quite clear from all this that the world is going to depend more than ever upon this continent to keep the wolf from the door until the war-devastated and anarchy-ridden countries in Europe can once again feed themselves. Already we read of the protests of British soldiers occupying Germany against allowing German women and children to perish of starvation as they are beginning to do. If these conditions prevail in Germany what must be the state of affairs elsewhere in Europe among nations which have fought with us during the last four years?

To sum up, it may be stated with confidence that the demand for every product of the farm will be unprecedented, and that the agriculturist will receive the highest prices on record for all that he has to sell.

The duty of Canada, therefore, is to keep up its work of assisting in supplying the need. It can do so. It has the land available at low prices; the market is there; railroad facilities are good, the climate and the soil produces the best wheat in the world. Western Canada offers the opportunity and the unceasing flow of farmers into the country indicates the fact that advantage is being taken of it.—Advertisement.

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