

NEW LAWS OF NEBRASKA

Complete List of Bills Passed by the Recent Session of the Legislature.

Below will be found a complete list of the bills passed by the Twenty-ninth session of the Nebraska state legislature and presented to the governor for his approval:

HOUSE ROLLS

House roll No. 33, by Wilson of Pawnee, appropriating \$80,000 for the payment of salaries of members of the legislature. Approved January 25.

House roll No. 34, by Wilson of Pawnee, appropriating \$20,000 for the payment of the incidental expenses of the legislative session. Approved January 25.

House roll No. 35, by Wilson of Pawnee, transferring \$18,000 from the clothing fund of the Asylum for the Insane at Norfolk to the same fund of the Asylum for the Insane at Lincoln. Approved February 9.

House roll No. 1, by Burns of Lancaster, to permit state officials to give either personal bonds or bonds signed by guaranty, surety or fidelity companies; emergency clause. Approved February 9.

House roll No. 21, by Roberts of Dodge, providing that where patents for public lands have been issued by the state to persons dying prior to the completion of the issuance the life shall be vested in the heirs, devisees and assignees of such deceased patentees.

House roll No. 5, by Kyd of Gage, to authorize J. E. Cobbe of Beatrice to publish the laws passed by the Twenty-ninth session of the legislature on a plan uniform with his Annotated Statutes of Nebraska, without cost to the state, and making such publication admissible as evidence in the courts of the state.

House roll No. 77, by Wilson of Pawnee, to create a state registrar of vital statistics and local registrars in all incorporated towns, cities and villages for the complete and proper registration of births and deaths. Statistics are to be certified quarterly to the state board of health by the local registrar, who shall receive therefor from the county funds the sum of 25 cents for each certificate so reported. Approved February 16.

House roll No. 82, by Saddler of Adams, allowing members of county soldiers' relief commissions compensation not to exceed 5 per cent of the amount distributed by them; emergency clause. Approved February 23.

House roll No. 3, by Windham of Cass, authorizing the justices of the supreme court, by unanimous vote, to appoint six supreme court commissioners for a period of two years and such stenographers as may be thought necessary by the court; emergency clause. Approved February 24.

House roll No. 60, by Bartoo of Valley, to regulate the practice of dentistry in the state. Makes it unlawful for any person hereafter to engage in the practice of dentistry without first having obtained a license from the state board of health, countersigned by its dental secretaries. Five secretaries are to be appointed, to hold office for from one to five years, who shall be practical dentists and receive a compensation of \$10 per day each for the time actually employed. Such secretaries shall examine applicants in the branches prescribed and collect therefor a fee of \$25 from each applicant. Approved February 28.

House roll No. 102, by Ward of Sarpy, appropriating \$3,000 to construct additional fish ponds, repairing stone dams, constructing fish car houses, fencing and making general improvements at the state fish hatchery at South Bend; emergency clause. Approved March 1.

House roll No. 204, by Casebeer of Gage, allowing mutual insurance companies doing a city business to establish a guaranty fund, which, when paid into the treasury, shall become the property of the company, and certificates thereon shall be issued to the parties paying the same as the companies may determine. Such fund shall be kept inviolate, except for the payment of losses, and shall then be replaced out of the accumulating profits of the company. Such companies may write insurance on a stipulated premium or cash basis. Emergency clause. Approved March 2.

House roll No. 14, by Jackson of Antelope, to authorize cities of the second class and villages to acquire by gift, devise or purchase property for public parks and to issue bonds not exceeding \$5,000 and levy taxes of not less than 1 mill nor more than 3 mills for such purpose; emergency clause. Approved March 2.

House roll No. 99, by Clarke of Douglas, providing for the payment of jurors in justice court. In the event a verdict is rendered the sum of \$1 shall be paid to each juror by the losing party, and in the event no verdict is reached each juror shall be paid 50 cents, the costs to be taxed against the party against whom judgment is finally entered. Approved March 2.

House roll No. 117, by Hill of Hitchcock, appropriating the sum of \$,000 for measuring water used on irrigated areas, determining losses from ditches, and studying the best methods for distributing water by a United States government agent in 1905 and 1906. Approved March 2.

House roll No. 100, by Clarke of Douglas, providing that the suitor asking for a change of venue in a justice court shall pay all costs assessed up to the time of delivering the transcript to the justice to whose court the case is removed. Approved March 2.

House roll No. 87, by Clarke of Douglas, permitting any defendant in a justice court to apply for a change of venue at any time prior to the announcement of

the trial in a civil or criminal proceeding. Approved March 2.

House roll No. 98, by Clarke of Douglas, providing for a jury of six in all cases tried in justice courts. Approved March 2.

House roll No. 56, by Burns of Lancaster, requiring Nebraska life insurance companies to deposit with the state auditor \$100,000 of approved securities before being permitted to begin or continue business, and extending the provisions of the reciprocal insurance law to apply against companies in other states, which states exact deposits of such nature, or fees, taxes, etc., from Nebraska companies. Approved March 3.

House roll No. 17, by Casebeer of Gage, appropriating to the use of the State university the sum of \$50,000 arising from the Morrill fund, \$30,000 from the agricultural experiment station fund and \$20,000 from the university cash fund. Emergency clause. Approved March 3.

House roll No. 118, by Kyd of Gage, to provide that grand and petit jury lists shall be prepared and drawn in counties of from 30,000 to 60,000 population under the same rules and regulations as prevail in Douglas and Lancaster counties, and to provide for the punishment of persons seeking to serve as jurors or to have other persons selected as jurors. Emergency clause. Approved March 3.

House roll No. 45, by Knox of Buffalo, appropriating to the purchase of books for the library of the Perse normal, the library fund belonging to such school, together with matriculation fees paid in prior to March 31, 1907, and appropriating for the same purpose for the Kearney normal the matriculation fees paid into such school prior to March 31, 1907. Emergency clause. Approved March 3.

House roll No. 61, by Saddler of Adams, to allow the sum of \$60 to be paid by counties for the proper burial of soldiers or sailors who served in any American war. Approved March 8.

House roll No. 27, by Clarke of Douglas, to allow cemetery associations to receive as trustees money and property, to be held in trust and be used for the care and decoration of graves. Approved March 8.

House roll No. 90, by Cassell of Otoe, to provide that the tax on inheritances, instead of reverting to the state, as at present, shall be used for the construction of permanent roads in the counties where such taxes become due, said roads to be built outside the corporate limits of cities and villages. Approved March 8.

House roll No. 8, by Dodge of Douglas, the Omaha water board bill, vesting general control of the Omaha water plant in the water board, instead of in the city council. Emergency clause. Approved March 9.

House roll No. 44, by Smith of Burt, to prohibit the obstructing of ditches and waterways used for drainage purposes by the dumping of garbage or otherwise. Emergency clause. Approved March 9.

House roll No. 108, by Windham of Cass, to bring under the provisions of the fire escape law all buildings three stories or more in height used for manufacturing purposes, hotels, educational institutions, hospitals or asylums. Emergency clause. Approved March 9.

House roll No. 137, by Smelser of Sherman, to fix the rate of taxation in counties under township organization at not to exceed 19 mills, for road purposes, 2 mills for bridges and 3 mills for all other purposes. Approved March 9.

House roll No. 172, by Wilson of Pawnee, to transfer \$20,000 from the board and clothing fund of the Hastings asylum to the repair and improvement fund of that institution. Emergency clause. Approved March 10.

House roll No. 157, by Douglas of Rock, amending the game law by making these principal changes: Open season for deer and antelope, August 15 to November 15; allow the penal bond of \$5,000 required of saloonkeepers to be given by surety bond companies. Approved March 25.

House roll No. 200, by Burns of Lancaster, to prohibit printers and others from printing or publishing more copies of books, pamphlets, circulars, or other publications than ordered by the author, compiler, or publisher, and to provide penalties for the violation thereof. Emergency clause. Approved March 25.

House roll No. 163, by Bacon of Dawson, to provide for the sale of the penitentiary lands, and the crediting to the penitentiary fund of the money realized from such sale. Approved March 25.

House roll No. 165, by McMullen of Gage, to prohibit Christian Science healers and others from practicing unless they first pass an examination and obtain a certificate from the state board of health. Vetoed March 29.

House roll No. 164, by Burns of Lancaster, to enable the regents of the State university to condemn lands needed for university purposes and to provide for the mode of procedure for such condemnation. Emergency clause. Approved March 25.

House roll No. 193, by Rouse of Hall, to require depository banks for state and county funds to give new bonds for each and every official term. Approved March 25.

House roll No. 214, by Andersen of Douglas, to protect persons, associations and unions of workmen and others in prairie chicken, sage chicken and grouse, September 1 to November 30; quail, November 15 to November 30; ducks, geese, brants, cranes and game water fowl, Sep-

tember 1 to April 15; jack snipe, Wilson snipe and yellow legs, September 1 to May 15; pigeons, doves and plovers, July 1 to August 1; trout, April 1 to October 1; other fish, April 1 to November 15. No person shall kill, take or have in his possession, during the game season, more than ten wild geese or brants, or twenty-five birds or twenty-five fish, on one day, or more than one deer and one antelope, or two deer or two antelope, during the season, or more than ten prairie chickens during any one day. Punishment for violation of the law is fixed at a fine of \$5 for each bird or animal and imprisonment not exceeding ten days in jail. Approved March 21.

House roll No. 20, by Douglas of Rock, to permit the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks to incorporate in the same manner provided for other secret and fraternal orders. Approved March 23.

House roll No. 70, by Burns of Lancaster, a Lincoln charter bill changing the date of the city election from April to May, beginning in 1906, providing for the election of seven councilmen at large, and making other changes agreed upon by the Lincoln charter revisionists. Emergency clause. Approved March 23.

House roll No. 62, by Ernst of Johnson, appropriating \$10,000 for the erection of a live stock building on the state fair grounds. Approved March 23.

House roll No. 153, by Jouvenat of Boone, to vest discretionary power with the state banking board in the issuance of charters to do a state banking business, the board not being required to issue the charter applied for unless it is satisfied that the parties requesting the same are persons of integrity and responsibility. Approved March 25.

House roll No. 168, by Ward of Sarpy, to confer the right of eminent domain upon electric interurban railroads. Emergency clause. Approved March 25.

House roll No. 173, by Cropsey of Jefferson, authorizing the board of county commissioners of any county to appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$100 per annum for each county to defray the local expenses of farmers' institutes. Approved March 25.

House roll No. 192, by Rouse of Hall, to exempt surety bond companies from the operation of the law which forbids any one person going surety for a public official for more than two successive terms. Approved March 25.

House roll No. 195, by Rouse of Hall, to their trade marks and forms of advertising. Approved March 28.

House roll No. 20, by Richardson of Madison, to appropriate \$35,000 for the purpose of improving the grounds, repairing and rebuilding the west wing of the old building which was partially destroyed by fire and building an additional cottage at the hospital for the insane at Norfolk, the buildings to be fireproof. Emergency clause. Approved March 28.

House roll No. 104, by Lee of Douglas, to forbid the sale of morphine, cocaine and opium except upon physicians' prescriptions. Emergency clause. Approved March 28.

House roll No. 106, by Barto of Valley, to allow fraternal beneficiary associations to consolidate or reinsure, on a vote of two-thirds of the membership of both societies, upon approval of the plans presented therefor to the state auditor. Approved March 28.

House roll No. 217, by Glem of Red Willow, to allow a special levy of not exceeding 5 mills for the payment of outstanding road district warrants. Emergency clause. Approved March 28.

House roll No. 28, by Perry of Furnas, to require county attorneys, when in possession of sufficient evidence to warrant a belief that a conviction can be secured, to file a complaint against such person. Approved March 29.

House roll No. 180, by Kyd of Gage, to provide that in school districts having four children or less of school age the levy shall not exceed \$400 per year for school purposes, and in districts having more than four or less than sixteen children of school age the levy shall not exceed the sum of \$50 per child in addition to the above. Emergency clause. Approved March 29.

House roll No. 213, by Cropsey of Jefferson, gives to cities of the second class, of less than 5,000 inhabitants, the right of eminent domain in procuring a right of way for the construction of sewers and drains, and provides the manner of exercising that right. Approved March 29.

House roll No. 239, by McMullen of Gage, appropriating \$25,000 for the erection of a dormitory at the institute for feeble-minded youths at Beatrice. Approved March 29.

House roll No. 224, by Peabody of Nemaha, provides for the organization and government of drainage districts for the reclamation of swamp, overflowed and submerged lands. Provides means for the acquisition of rights of way, easements and franchises necessary; authorizes the issuance of drainage district bonds. Revenues are to be raised by assessments on lands benefited, which assessments shall become liens on such lands. Approved March 29.

House roll No. 38, by Perry of Furnas, reduces from two to one the number of trials that may be had for the recovery of real property. Approved March 29.

House roll No. 197, by Rouse of Hall, authorizes the payment by the state of the premium on the state treasurer's bond when the same is executed by a surety company. Approved March 29.

House roll No. 212, by Knox of Buffalo, allows mutual insurance companies to insure personal property temporarily removed from the county or state. Approved March 29.

House roll No. 248, by Rouse of Hall, permits guardians, executors, receivers or trustees to give surety indemnity bonds. Approved March 29.

House roll No. 271, by McAllister, limits to 90 per cent of the levy for the current year the warrants that may be issued by an irrigation district, and provides means whereby unexpended balances in irrigation district funds may be transferred from one fund to another. Approved March 29.

House roll No. 313, by Saddler of Adams, abolishes the visiting and examining board for the Soldiers' and Sailors' homes. Approved March 29.

House roll No. 79, by Burns of Lancaster, a Lincoln charter amendment authorizing the city to issue \$75,000 of bonds for constructing or purchasing a municipal lighting plant; emergency clause. Approved March 30.

House roll No. 119, by Casebeer of Gage, declares void the marriage of first cousins of whole blood. Approved March 30.

House roll No. 211, by Clarke of Douglas, amends the civil code relative to appeals to the supreme court by providing that all appeals under such code must be filed within six months of the judgment rendered in the trial court, or within six months of the overruling of the motion for a new trial; also allows the supreme court to apportion costs between the litigants. Approved March 30.

House roll No. 225, by Windham, allows district judges sitting in chambers to hear and determine motions and demurrers; emergency clause. Approved March 30.

House roll No. 255, by Jahnel of Washington (prepared by the house bridge committee), authorizes county boards to make yearly contracts for all bridges, approaches and repairs required during the year at a specified sum per lineal foot; for superstructure of bridges and approaches at a specific sum per lineal foot for piling and tubing; at a specific sum per cubic foot for stone, brick, cement and concrete; "at a specified sum per pound for substructural iron, and at a specified sum per foot (board measure) for all lumber used in the construction and repair." To make yearly contracts for repairing bridges and approaches at a specified sum per unit quality; to provide for manner of advertising for bids, for the rejection of bids in certain cases and to empower county boards to buy material and labor and build and repair bridges and approaches; to provide for the adoption of detailed plans and specifications for all bridges costing more than \$200 each, and keeping copies of plans and specifications thereof in the county clerk's office; to provide that bids be made separately for each kind and class of bridge, approach and culvert, and improvement on roads; to provide that bids be made to plans furnished by the board and prepared by a competent engineer designated by the board.

House roll No. 279, by Roberts of Dodge, empowers county boards temporarily to lease lands for the construction of temporary roads, made necessary by damages done to permanent roads. Approved March 30.

House roll No. 48, by Warner of Lancaster, to provide for a more uniform system for the certification of teachers. Certificates shall be of three classes—state, county and city—and the two former shall be divided into three grades. The state superintendent shall prepare questions for the examination of applicants for state or county certificates and prescribe the rules and regulations for such examinations. He shall also examine, mark and file, or cause the same to be done under his direction and supervision, all answer papers and may appoint a committee of three to assist him for that purpose. Approved March 30.

House roll No. 194, by Rouse of Hall, to provide that the county shall pay for the surety bonds of county treasurers, not to exceed one-half of one per cent of the penalty. Approved March 30.

House roll No. 305, by Zuelow of Colfax, to provide for the state ownership, control, construction and repair of all bridges 500 feet or more in length within the state and located on or as part of public roads. Such bridges are to be built at the option of the board of public lands and buildings and under its direction on the request of the county and subject to the regulations and requirements of the general bridge law of the state.

House roll No. 235, by Warner of Lancaster and Perry of Furnas, the biennial election bill. It provides that all state, judicial and county officers shall be elected in the even numbered years beginning in 1906. All such officers now holding, whose tenure expires in the odd numbered years, including the present year, are to hold over until the year following, when their successors shall be elected.

House roll No. 315, by Warner and Perry, to provide that registers of deeds shall be elected in 1906 and every fourth year thereafter, in conformity with the general provisions of the biennial election bill.

House roll No. 316, by Warner and Perry, to provide for the election of county commissioners in the even numbered years, in conformity with the biennial election bill.

House roll No. 317, by Warner and Perry, to provide for the election of county supervisors in the even numbered years, in conformity with the biennial election bill.

House roll No. 318, by Warner and Perry, to provide for the election of county assessors in 1908 and every fourth year thereafter, in conformity with the biennial election bill.

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Buy on Credit in China.

Foreigners in China buy nearly everything on credit, giving signed "chits" for every purchase, the reason being their unwillingness to load themselves down with silver or native coin, while paper money fluctuates too much.