

CHAPTER 123.

[S. B. 112.]

RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF COAL MINES.

AN ACT relating to the operation of coal mines in the State of Washington, creating a commission to revise the coal mining laws of the state, to report their conclusions to the next legislature, and providing an appropriation therefor.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a commission, whose duty it shall be to investigate the operation of coal mines in the State of Washington, to recommend needed legislation, to revise existing coal mining statutes, and suggest such amendments to existing laws as it may deem proper and for the best interests of the state.

Commission
created.

SEC. 2. The governor of the state shall, upon the taking effect of this act, appoint four members of the commission, one of whom shall be a coal mining engineer, one a coal mine operator, and two of whom shall be practical miners of at least five years' experience, who, with the state mine inspector, shall constitute the commission mentioned in section 1 hereof, to investigate the safe working of coal mines, the cause of accidents therein, the safety of employes, and all other matters pertaining to the improvement of the methods of coal mining in this state; the commission herein provided for, with the advice and assistance of the attorney general shall also revise and recodify all laws and parts of laws relating to coal mining in the State of Washington, and after consideration shall recommend to the next legislature such proposed laws as may be deemed advisable or necessary to govern the operation of coal mines in this state. Said commission shall also present to the next legislature its revision, recodification or rearrangement of the coal mining laws of the State of Washington, together with such recommendations in connection therewith as may be deemed advisable or necessary.

Governor
appoint.

Recommend
to legisla-
ture.

Power of
commission.

SEC. 3. The commission shall have the power to subpoena and examine witnesses at such time and place as may be fixed by the commission, to be stated in the subpoena. Such subpoenas shall be served by the sheriff of the county in which the commission holds a meeting, or by any person over the age of twenty-one years, who is not a party to the matter in which such subpoena is issued. Each witness subpoenaed by the commission shall be allowed the same fees and mileage as provided by law to be paid witnesses in courts of record in this state, said fees and mileage to be paid upon the usual vouchers and warrants. Any person duly served with a subpoena, who shall fail to obey the same, without legal excuse, shall be guilty of contempt, and the commission shall certify the fact thereof to the superior court of the county in which such witness may reside, and upon legal proof thereof such witness shall suffer the same penalties as are now provided in like cases in the courts of this state.

Penalties.

SEC. 4. Said commission shall be called together by the governor, and shall be organized by the selection of one of its members as chairman, and one of its members as secretary, and the commission shall thereafter hold meetings in the state at such times and places as may be fixed by it.

SEC. 5. The commission, in discharging the duties contemplated by this act, shall have the power to visit and inspect all coal mines and mining plants in the State of Washington.

Prepare bill.

SEC. 6. The revised and recodified laws of the state prepared by the commission shall be printed in the form of a legislative bill and distributed to the members and members-elect of the legislature of 1913 on or before December first, 1912.

Salary.

SEC. 7. The members of the commission, with the exception of the state mine inspector, shall receive the sum of five dollars per day for each day necessarily employed in the work of the commission, and be further entitled to their actual expenses disbursed during the necessary work

of the commission, said amounts to be paid by proper vouchers upon presentation to the state auditor. The commission shall have power to employ necessary clerical and stenographic assistance, at such compensation as the commission may determine.

SEC. 8. For the purpose of paying the necessary expenses of the commission in this act provided for, the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Appropriating \$2,000.

Passed by the Senate February 14, 1911.

Passed by the House March 8, 1911.

Approved by the Governor March 17, 1911.

CHAPTER 124.

[S. B. 167.]

RELATING TO STATE SOLDIERS' HOME AND ADMISSION THERETO.

AN ACT relating to the State Soldiers' Home and admission thereto, and amending section 1 of chapter 152 of the Session Laws of 1905.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. That section 1, of chapter 152, of the Session Laws of 1905, be amended to read as follows: Section 1. That section 2 of an act entitled, "An act to amend sections 2631 and 2632, Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington, relating to the State Soldiers' Home," approved March 18, 1901, be amended to read as follows: Sec. 2. All honorably discharged Union soldiers, Mexican war veterans, veterans of Washington Indian wars, sailors, marines, soldiers of the Spanish-American war, and also members of the state militia disabled while in the line of duty, may be admitted to the home provided for in the last preceding section of this chapter under such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the state board of control: *Provided*, Such applicants are *bona fide* citizens of the state, and honor-

[Amending § 8908, Rem.-Bal.]

Qualifications.