

CHAPTER LXXXV.

[H. B. No. 184.]

CREATING A BUREAU OF STATISTICS, LABOR, AGRICULTURE AND IMMIGRATION.

AN ACT to establish a bureau of statistics, labor, agriculture and immigration, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

SECTION 1. The secretary of this state shall be *ex officio* commissioner of statistics, and is hereby authorized and directed to establish within his office, and under his immediate supervision, a bureau to be known as the bureau of statistics, agriculture and immigration.

SEC. 2. The duties of the commissioner shall be to collect, assort, systemize and present in biennial reports to the legislature, statistical details relating to all departments of labor within the state, such as the hours and wages of labor, cost of living, amount of labor required, estimated number of persons depending on daily labor for their support, the probable chances of all being employed, the operation of labor saving machinery in relation to hand labor, etc. Said statistics shall be classified as follows:

1. Of agriculture.
2. Of immigration.
3. Of mechanical and manufacturing industries.
4. Of mining.
5. Of transportation on land and water.
6. Of clerical and all other skilled and unskilled labor not enumerated above.

7. The amount of cash capital invested in lands, buildings, machinery, materials and means of production generally.

8. Of the number, age, sex and condition of persons employed; the nature of their employment; the extent to which the apprenticeship system prevails in various skilled industries; the number of hours of labor per day; the average length of time employed per annum, and the average annual wages received by each class of workers in each of the industries and employments enumerated.

Commissioner,
duties of.

Employed.

Unemployed. 9. Of the number and condition of the unemployed, their age, sex and nationality, together with causes of their idleness.)

Sanitary conditions. 10. The sanitary conditions of lands, workshops, dwellings; the number and size of rooms occupied by working classes; the cost of rent, fuel, light, food, clothing and water in each locality of the state.)

Non-Caucasian elements. 11. Of the number and condition of the non-Caucasian elements of the state; their social and sanitary habits; the number employed and the nature of their employment; the average wages per day of each employment, and the gross amount yearly; to what extent their employment comes in competition with the white industrial classes of the state.)

Penitentiary. 12. Of the number, condition and nature of employment of the inmates of the state penitentiary, county jails and reformatory institutions, and to what extent their employment affects the labor of mechanics, artisans and laborers outside of these institutions.)

Auxiliary information. 13. Of all such other information in relation to labor as the commissioner may deem essential to further the object sought to be obtained by this statute, together with such operations [observations] on the condition of labor and the probable future of the same as he may deem good and salutary to insert in his biennial reports.)

State officers and assessors, duties of. SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of all state officers and the assessors of the various counties of the state to furnish, upon the written request of the commissioner, all the information in their power necessary to assist in carrying out the objects of this act; and all printing required by the bureau in the discharge of its duty shall be performed by the state printer at public expense, and at least three thousand (3,000) copies of the printed biennial report shall be furnished the commissioner for free distribution to the public.

Statistics, publication of. SEC. 4. The commissioner of statistics is hereby directed to prepare for immediate publication, from the reports of the county assessors, chambers of commerce, boards of trade and other authentic sources, a comprehensive report, setting forth the geography, topography, climate, natural

and artificial resources of Washington, its inland waters and adjacent seas, a knowledge of which would tend to invite industrious, enterprising, intelligent people to remove hither. It shall be the duty at all times of the bureau hereby established to promptly answer all proper inquiries relative to the State of Washington received by mail or otherwise from intending immigrants.

SEC. 5. The commissioner shall have the power to send Commissioner, powers of. for persons and papers whenever in his opinion it is necessary, and he may examine witnesses under oath, being hereby qualified to administer the same in the performance of his duty, and the testimony so taken must be filed and preserved in the office of said commissioner. He shall have free access to all places and works of labor, and any principal, owner, operator, manager or lessee of any mine, factory, workshop, warehouse, manufacturing or mercantile establishment, or any agent or employé of any such principal, owner, operator, manager or lessee, who shall refuse to said commissioner or his duly authorized representative admission therein, or who shall, when requested by him, wilfully neglect or refuse to furnish him any statistics or information pertaining to his lawful duties which may be in the possession or under the control of said principal, owner, operator, lessee, manager or agent thereof, shall be punished by fine of not less than fifty nor more than two hundred dollars.

SEC. 6. No use shall be made in the report of the bureau Names not published. of the names of individuals, firms or corporations supplying the information called for by this act, such information being deemed confidential and not for the purpose of disclosing any person's affairs; and the agent or employé of said bureau violating this provision shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed six months.

SEC. 7. The commissioner shall appoint a deputy commissioner, who shall act in his absence, and the deputy shall receive the sum of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) Deputy, duties of. per annum to be paid by the state treasurer in the same manner as other state officers are paid; the sum allowed

Immigration
agent.

for deputy and other incidental expenses of the bureau shall not exceed the sum of three thousand (\$3,000) dollars any one year. The commissioner shall have the authority to employ one person to act as immigration agent, which agent shall reside in such city as said commissioner may designate, and he shall be provided with such literature and incidental accessories as in his judgment may be necessary.

Appropriation.

SEC. 8. The sum of four thousand (\$4,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated for the expenses of the bureau for the first two years after its organization.

SEC. 9. An emergency is declared to exist: therefore, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its passage and approval by the governor.

Passed the house March 14, 1895.

Passed the senate March 14, 1895.

Approved March 19, 1895.

CHAPTER LXXXVI.

[H. B. No. 112.]

AMENDING ACT PROVIDING FOR COMMENCEMENT OF CIVIL ACTIONS.

AN ACT to amend sections 1, 10, 11 and 15 of "An act to provide for the manner of commencing civil actions in the superior courts, and to bring the same to trial," approved March 15, 1893.

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

Summons,
how served.

SECTION 1. That section one of an act entitled "An act to provide for the manner of commencing civil actions in the superior courts, and to bring the same to trial," approved March 15, 1893, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows: Civil actions in the several superior courts of this state shall be commenced by the service of a summons, as hereinafter provided, or by filing a complaint