

CHAPTER 58.

[S. B. No. 93.]

PROVIDING FOR AND MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYES.

AN ACT to provide for the arbitration and settlement of differences between employers and employes, making an appropriation therefor and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the State Labor Commissioner upon application of any employer or employe having differences, as soon as practicable, to visit the location of such differences and to make a careful inquiry into the cause thereof and to advise the respective parties, what, if anything, ought to be done or submitted to by both to adjust said dispute and should said parties then still fail to agree to a settlement through said commissioner, then said commissioner shall endeavor to have said parties consent in writing to submit their differences to a board of arbitrations to be chosen from citizens of the State as follows, to-wit: Said employer shall appoint one and said employes acting through a majority, one, and these two shall select a third, these three to constitute the board of arbitration and the findings of said board of arbitration to be final.

SEC. 2. The proceedings of said board of arbitration shall be held before the Commissioner of Labor who shall act as moderator or chairman, without the privilege of voting, and who shall keep a record of the proceedings, issue subpoenas and administer oaths to the members of said board, and any witness said board may deem necessary to summon.

SEC. 3. Any notice or process issued by the board herein created, shall be served by any sheriff, coroner or constable to whom the same may be directed, or in whose hands the same may be placed for service.

SEC. 4. Such arbitrators shall receive five dollars per day for each day actually engaged in such arbitration and the necessary traveling expenses to be paid upon certificates of the Labor Commissioner out of the fund appropriated for

the purpose or at the disposal of the Bureau of Labor applicable to such expenditure.

Failure to
secure arbit-
ration.

SEC. 5. Upon the failure of the Labor Commissioner, in any case, to secure the creation of a board of arbitration, it shall become his duty to request a sworn statement from each party to the dispute of the facts upon which their dispute and their reasons for not submitting the same to arbitration are based. Any sworn statement made to the labor commissioner under this provision shall be for public use and shall be given publicly in such newspapers as desire to use it.

Appropriation.

SEC. 6. There is hereby appropriated out of the State Treasury from funds not otherwise appropriated the sum of three thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the provisions of this act. In case the funds herein provided are exhausted and either party to a proposed arbitration shall tender the necessary expenses for conducting said arbitration, then it shall be the duty of the State Labor Commissioner to request the opposite party to arbitrate such differences in accordance with the provisions of this act.

Emergency.

SEC. 7. An emergency exists and the act shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate February 19, 1903.

Passed the House March 3, 1903.

Approved by the Governor March 9, 1903.