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Chapter 69.

An Act to provide for a Bureau of Industrial and Labor Statistics.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Bureau of industrial and labor statistics, established.

SECT. 1. There is hereby established a separate and distinct department, which shall be called the Bureau of Industrial and Labor Statistics.

Duties of department.

SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of this department to collect, assort, systematize, and present in annual reports to the governor, to be by him transmitted biennially to the legislature, statistical details, relating to all departments of labor in the state, especially in its relations to the commercial, industrial, social, educational and sanitary condition of the laboring people ; and to the permanent prosperity of the productive industries of the state, and also to inquire into the immediate causes of strikes, lock-outs or other disturbances of the relations between employers and employees.

Commissioner of industrial and labor statistics, appointment of.

SECT. 3. The governor shall, with the advice and consent of the council, appoint immediately after this act goes into effect, and thereafter biennially, on the first Wednesday in February, some suitable person, who is identified with the industrial and labor interests, and who shall be designated commissioner of industrial and labor statistics, with an office in such place as shall be designated by the governor.

—salary of.

SECT. 4. The commissioner herein named, shall receive an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars, and to aid in carrying out the provisions of this act, said commissioner is hereby authorized to employ such assistance and incur such expense, not exceeding one thousand dollars per annum, as shall be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

—powers of.

SECT. 5. The commissioner shall have power to take and preserve evidence, examine witnesses under oath, and administer the same, and in the discharge of his duty, may enter any public institution of the state, and at reasonable hours when open for business, any factory, workshop, mine or other place where labor may be employed.

Public officers, required to furnish information.

SECT. 6. All state, county, city and town officers, are hereby directed to furnish to said commissioner upon his request, all statistical information in reference to labor and labor industries, which shall be in their possession as such officers, and said commissioner shall cause to be published

and circulated in this state, ten thousand copies annually of the results of its labors, as to the objects for which commission is created.

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Report.

SECT. 7. There is hereby appropriated out of any money remaining in the state treasury the sum of five thousand dollars for the ensuing two years for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act; the commissioner herein named shall receive his salary in quarterly installments, and the expenses of the bureau shall be paid on the vouchers presented by the commissioner, after the same shall have been audited and approved by the governor and council.

Appropriation for.

--salary of commissioner, how paid.

SECT. 8. Chapter one hundred and one of the resolves of eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

Approved March 7, 1887.

Chapter 70.

An Act to amend section eight, chapter ninety-one, Revised Statutes, relating to liens on Vessels.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Section eight, chapter ninety-one of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the following words, namely; commencing in the middle of the eighth line of said section after the word "attachment" and striking out "and whoever furnishes labor or materials for a vessel after it is launched, or for its repair, has a lien on it therefor, to be enforced by attachment within four days after the work is completed," so that said section as amended, shall read as follows :

Sec. 8, ch. 91, R. S., amended.

SECT. 8. Whoever furnishes labor or materials for building a vessel has a lien on it therefor, which may be enforced by attachment thereof, within four days after it is launched; but if the labor and materials have been so furnished by virtue of a contract not fully completed at the time of the launching of the vessel, the lien may be enforced within four days after such contract has been completed. He also has a lien on the materials furnished, before they become part of the vessel, which may be enforced by attachment; and the owners of any dry dock or marine railway, used for any ves-

Lien on vessels or materials.

--in case of incomplete contracts, lien is in force for four days after completion.

--lien on materials before they are used, how enforced.