

LIST OF NEW ACTS

Passed by the Legislature at its Recent Session.

NONE VERY IMPORTANT.

Read it Over Carefully and Then File It Away for Future Reference.

The work of the General Assembly, which has just adjourned, is best shown in the compact list of acts that were enacted by the lawmakers. Last year there were 178 acts and resolutions enacted into law. This year there were not as many acts and resolutions passed, the total number being 152.

In order that the work may be more readily grasped and understood the list of ratified acts has been divided up into groups, which cover the main features of the legislation. It will be seen that most of the legislation this year, as usual, referred to petty county matters, raising the salary of a county officer, providing for some insignificant road work. Then there is a large installment of acts that refer to special schools, whose authority of law is given for the erection of a school building, the borrowing of money for this work or the changing of the law as to the election of the trustees. A great many of the measures refer to claims that were presented, and a glance will show that there were precious few bills of a general character that were enacted into statutory law.

The greater part of the work of this session would be covered on a negative sheet by showing what was not enacted into law.

The list of ratified acts will be of general interest at the closing up of the General Assembly for 1901.

The acts and joint resolutions are as follows:

TAXATION. A joint resolution to extend the time for the payment of taxes for the year 1900.

An act to require owners of real property situate partly within and partly without an incorporated town or city to list the part in the town or city separately from the part outside, and providing penalty if it is not done.

A joint resolution to require county treasurers to refund penalties on taxes paid after 31st December, 1900.

An act to ratify the amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, to be known as "Article I of amendments to the Constitution," to authorize the General Assembly to provide by law for the condemnation and equitable assessment of lands for drainage purposes.

Judicial committee: An act to ratify the amendment to Section 7, Article VIII, of the Constitution relating to municipal bonded indebtedness.

An act to provide uniformity and equality in the assessment of property returnable for taxation by persons, firms or corporations engaged in textile industries and canals, providing power for rent on barge and cotton seed oil companies and fertilizer companies.

An act to amend Section 3 of an act entitled "An act to further provide for the return and assessment of property for taxation, approved the 23 day of March, A. D. 1897, so as to make township assessors equalizers as well as assessors of property.

An act to make appropriations to meet the ordinary expenses of the State Government for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 1900.

FEDERAL RELATIONS. Mr. Sinker: An act to grant to the City Council of Charleston, and its successors, the title and interest of the State to certain lands in Charleston County, for the purpose of a naval station.

Judicial Committee: An act vesting Beach avenue, in the town of Mount-trienville, Sullivan's Island, South Carolina, and ceding to the United States for military purposes the title of this State over certain lands now occupied by Central and Beach avenues, Mount-trienville, Sullivan's Island, South Carolina.

Mr. Thompson: An act to give consent by the State of South Carolina to the acquisition by the United States of such lands as may be needed for the establishment of a national forest reserve in said State.

THE EXPOSITION ACT. Mr. Barnwell: An act to provide for a building and a State exhibit at the South Carolina Inter-State and West Indian Exposition, and to make an appropriation for the same.

COURTS AND JURIES. Mr. Mower: An act to validate the drawing of all jurors for the year 1901.

Mr. Byrnes: An act to amend an act entitled "An act to amend Section 18 of the Code of Civil Procedure, fixing the times for holding Courts in the 1st judicial circuit," approved February 19, 1898, so far as Dorchester County is concerned.

A joint resolution to authorize the State Librarian to furnish the Chief Justice and the Associate Justices and the Circuit Judges of this State each with a copy of the report of the code commissioner, made in pursuance of Section 5 of Article XI of the Constitution of this State.

An act to amend an act entitled "An act to amend Section 21 of the Code of Civil Procedure, being Section 21 of Part I, Title III, Volume 11 of the Revised Statutes, as to the time for holding Courts in the 4th circuit," approved the 28th day of January, 1897, so as to abolish the provision for the June term of the Court of General Sessions for the counties of Horry and Chesterfield.

Mr. Wells: An act to amend an act entitled "An act to fix the time for holding the Courts of the 3d judicial circuit."

An act to amend Section 11 of the Code of Civil Procedure of this State, relating to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court.

Mr. McGowan: An act to require all the Courts of this State to take judicial notice of the laws and ordinances of any town or city in this State when the same shall be certified to by the clerk or other officer of the town or city, under the seal of the municipal corporation wherein such laws and ordinances are or were of force.

An act to provide for the empanelling of the jurors in the Courts of Common Pleas, and to prescribe the manner in which civil actions and issues ordered by the Court shall be tried.

An act to further regulate the drawing and service of grand jurors.

An act to amend Section 9 of an act entitled "An act to provide the organization of the Supreme Court, to define its powers and jurisdiction, and to provide for the appointment of its officers,

and to define their duties," approved the 6th day of January, A. D. 1898, in relation to the reporter and reports.

An act to amend Section 6 of an act entitled "An act to fix the time for holding the Circuit Courts in the 5th judicial circuit," approved February 27, 1899.

COUNTY AFFAIRS. An act to authorize and direct the commissioners of the sinking fund to lead fund to the county board of commissioners of Marlboro County, to pay for building a new pier for said county, and to authorize said board to pass a special tax levy to secure the payment of the same.

An act to amend Section 2 and 3 of an act entitled "An act to repeal an act to abolish the office of Master of Kershaw County and to reestablish said office of a Master," approved December 20, A. D. 1893, by requiring him to enter into bond and exercise all the duties now devolved by law upon Masters, and receive the compensation and fees of said office.

An act to amend an act to amend Section 1 of an act entitled "An act to provide compensation for the members of the township commissioners so as to fix the mileage of the chairman of said commissioners of Beaufort County at five cents per mile going and coming."

An act to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act to provide for the establishment of a new school district in Marlboro County, and to authorize the levy and collection of a local tax therein," approved December 24, 1888.

An act to enable the commissioners of the sinking fund to lend funds to the County of Barnwell to pay for building a fire proof repository for the records of said county.

A joint resolution authorizing and requiring the county board of commissioners of Clarendon County to have thoroughly investigated the present condition of and the workings of the public works of Clarendon County for the past ten years.

A joint resolution to authorize and require the State Treasurer to pay to the county treasurer of Dorchester County \$225 for commissions paid for the State by said county.

An act to authorize and empower the county board of commissioners of Kershaw County to sell the jail, lots and buildings owned by said county and to purchase another site for the same.

An act to amend Section 1 of an act entitled "An act to prescribe and fix the fees of physicians for post-mortem examinations at coroner's inquest," approved 25th February, 1896, by making same act apply to Barnwell and Williamsburg counties heretofore exempted.

An act to make the salary of the magistrate and constable at Williston, in Barnwell County, the same as that paid to the magistrate and constable at Barnwell Court House and Blackville, in the same county.

An act to repeal an act entitled "An act to amend Section 1 of an Act entitled 'An act to provide for a salary to the register of mesne conveyances of Greenville County, and to require fees for recording, to be collected and paid to the county treasurer,' approved December 19, A. D. 1892, so as to reduce the salary of said officers to one thousand dollars, and so as to add a section providing a salary for the clerk of Court of Clarendon County, and to further regulate his duties," approved 9th day of February, 1900, so far as the said act relates to Clarendon County, and to restore fees.

An act to repeal so much of an act entitled "An act to declare and regulate the fees of clerks of the Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions in this State, and to provide a salary in lieu and instead of costs and fees in criminal cases, as relates to Hampton and Marion counties," approved the 31 day of March, A. D. 1899, and to restore fees.

An act to amend Sections 1 and 3 of an act entitled "An act to amend an act to provide for the various counties of this State, approved the 6th day of March, 1899," approved 19th day of February, 1900, abolishing township commissioners in York County and increasing compensation for county commissioners of said county, and providing mileage for county commissioners of Florence County and of Union County, and relating to the compensation and duties of the supervisor and commissioners in Orangeburg County.

An act to amend a certain portion of Dorchester and Clarendon counties from the general stock law during certain months.

An act to repeal so much of an act entitled "An act relating to the fees and salaries of the county officers of the several counties of this State," as relates to Marion County and Newberry County," approved the 19th day of February, A. D. 1900.

An act to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act to provide for the county government of the various counties of the State," approved the 19th day of February, 1900, with regard to the county government of the counties of Sumter and Marlboro.

STATE COLLEGES. An act to further amend Section 1, 114 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the powers of the board of visitors of the South Carolina Military Academy.

An act to provide for the completion of the Winthrop Normal and Industrial College of South Carolina, and to furnish it and to appropriate money for the same.

An act to provide for the erection and furnishing of a steward's hall at the South Carolina College.

An Act to remit fees to teachers attending the special courses for teachers at the South Carolina College.

PENITENTIARY. A joint resolution authorizing the board of directors of the Penitentiary to furnish book cases for books used at the Penitentiary.

An act to authorize and require the superintendent of the State Penitentiary to hire convicts to the several counties to work on the public highways, and not to hire them out for farming purposes.

NEW BOARDS AND OFFICERS. An act to create a State board of oenology, to define its powers and prescribe its duties and provide for the inspection of fruit trees, vineyards and vegetable farms, to prevent contagious diseases and destroy destructive insects in orchards, vineyards and other places in this State.

An act to authorize and empower the board of trustees of Clarendon College to promulgate and enforce rules and regulations for the guidance of the veterinarian of said College, in the treatment or destruction of animals affected with contagious diseases.

An act to provide for the appointment and compensation of a State geologist.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS AND CITY PLANTS. An act to amend Section 3 of an act entitled "An act to authorize all cities and towns to build, equip and operate

a system of water-works and electric lights, and to issue bonds to meet the cost of same," approved 2d day of March, 1896, requiring board of commissioners of public works to report to council and limiting their power.

An act to provide for lighting the State House and other public buildings.

FISH AND TERRAPIN. A bill to amend "An act to regulate the catching, gathering, sale, export or canning of oysters, clams and terrapins, to declare the law in reference thereto and to abolish the office of terrapin inspector, as herein provided," approved the 19th day of February, A. D. 1900.

CHARTERS AND CORPORATIONS. An act to incorporate the board of visitors of the Thornewill Orphanage, at Clinton, South Carolina.

An act to provide for the election of directors, trustees or managers of all corporations in South Carolina, and to carry out the provisions of Section 11 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina in reference to accumulation of votes.

An act to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act to require any insurance company or association to be possessed of one hundred thousand dollars, surplus or capital, or in lieu thereof, to have one hundred thousand dollars on deposit with some State, for the benefit of all policyholders, or in lieu thereof, to deposit with the Treasurer of this State valid State securities aggregating ten thousand dollars, said securities to be subject to any judgment against said companies, and said judgment shall operate as a lien on such securities, and providing a penalty for the violation of the provisions of this act."

An act to amend Section 1 and 4 of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the A. R. P. Orphanage, and prescribe the duties and powers of the board of trustees thereof," approved 1st March, 1899, empowering the board of trustees to change the name and locality of the orphanage.

An act to incorporate the Seigler Mills Company.

An act in relation to the renewal and extension of the charters of all corporations, (railroad, railway, turpentine and canal corporations excepted) incorporated by special acts, whose charters have not expired.

An act declaring the legal status of shares of stock in manufacturing corporations.

An act to regulate the issue of preferred stock to corporations.

RAILROADS. A joint resolution to declare correct reading of Section 7 of an act entitled "An act to provide for the assessment for taxation of railroad property which has been off the tax books for the years in which they have been off the books and to fix the time when such taxes shall become due, and for the collection thereof," approved the 19th day of February, A. D. 1900.

An act to require the railroad commission to fix rates of storage to be charged by railroad companies in this State, to provide for regulation for hauling the same and to prescribe how suit shall be brought for overcharges, and to fix the measure of recovery and to regulate the freight charges on melons.

An act to validate and confirm the original bonds and all renewals thereof, known as railroad bonds, amounting to seventy-five thousand dollars, issued by Laurens County, pursuant to an election held in said county on 7th day of June, 1881, under the provision of an act entitled "An act to authorize the formation of and to incorporate the Greenville and Laurens Railroad Company," approved Feb. 14, 1878.

An act to amend an act entitled "An act to authorize the formation and to incorporate the Greenville and Laurens Railroad Company," approved the 14th day of Feb. 1878," approved December 24, 1880, and to validate and confirm the original bond and all renewals thereof, known as railroad bonds, amounting to seventy-five thousand dollars, issued by Laurens County, pursuant to an election held in said county on the 7th day of June, 1881, under the provisions of an act entitled "An act to charter the Greenville and Laurens Railroad Company," approved the 14th day of Feb. 1878, and to repeal an act entitled "An act to further regulate the law in reference to and further regulate the law, sale consumption, transportation and disposition of alcoholic liquid or liquors within the State of South Carolina, and to police the same," approved January 2, A. D. 1895, as to the compensation of the board of control of Chesterfield County.

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