

WORK DONE BY THE OHIO LEGISLATURE

Following is a summary of legislation passed by the 52d general assembly of Ohio:

Appropriations.

H. B. No. 64, appropriates \$245,000 for use of present general assembly, made necessary by veto of former Gov. Willis.

H. B. No. 244, to pay Mrs. N. A. McQuestion, widow of late representative, \$1,800.

H. B. No. 196, to make supplementary appropriations; bill carries \$2,692,221.48; has emergency clause.

H. B. No. 58, to make budgetary appropriation from period July 1, 1917, to June 30, 1919. Carries \$44,154,000.

H. B. No. 592, the sundry appropriations, carrying \$500,000 of claims of various sorts and second year legislative salaries.

Agriculture.

S. B. No. 79, appropriates \$200,000 for coliseum on State Fair grounds for use of National Dairy Show association. (An "emergency" act.)

H. B. No. 115, creating the office of secretary of agriculture and limiting the powers of present state board of agriculture.

H. B. No. 385, to enable agricultural societies to sell or exchange lands used for sites.

H. B. No. 140, to allow land owners to have credit for work done on county ditches.

S. B. No. 14, to provide for the spreading of assessments for county ditches according to benefits derived.

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H. B. No. 4, provides for registration of dogs, with the requirement that dogs wear tags; untagged dogs are outlawed and if destroyed if not reclaimed after they have been impounded.

H. B. No. 555, to prohibit the importation into the state of diseased cattle. Provides that cattle must be accompanied by certificate of health issued by regularly licensed veterinarian.

H. B. No. 254, to prohibit the importation into the state of diseased horses, mules or asses. Provides they must be accompanied by certificate of health issued by regularly licensed veterinarian, showing animals are in good health.

S. B. No. 243, prohibiting members of state board of agriculture to compete for prizes at Ohio State fair.

H. B. No. 21, providing for the appointment of a commission to codify, consolidate and clarify the ditch laws.

S. B. No. 193, authorizing agricultural colleges to conduct contests in cooperation with the federal government and to receive gifts in furtherance of the same.

H. B. No. 590, to provide for suspension of automobile licenses on conviction of offense against laws, providing an appeal to probate court time.

H. B. No. 589, increases from 20 to 25 miles an hour legal maximum speed of automobiles.

H. B. No. 243, makes penalty for stealing motor vehicles same as for horse stealing (one to 15 years).

H. B. No. 162, to require listing of automobiles with county auditors, so that they may be got for taxation; also allows branch offices of secretary of state.

H. B. No. 463, to include federal farm loan bank bonds in legal state bank investment.

S. B. No. 25, requires banks receiving deposits of library funds to give bond to protect libraries.

S. B. No. 211, divorcing the "blue sky" department from the state bank department and creating a commissioner of securities to serve three years at a salary of \$4,000.

S. B. No. 124, providing that Morris plan banks may require borrowers to make weekly deposits not exceeding in any week 3 per cent of the amount of their loans, with or without an allowance on interest on such deposits, without such transactions being deemed usurious.

H. B. No. 387, to harmonize the filing of reports of state and national governments for companies so that reports to state and national commissions may be made at the same time.

H. B. No. 388, provides that as amount of money deposited in county depositories is reduced bond of the banks holding funds may be reduced.

H. B. No. 305, to authorize boards of county commissioners to construct and maintain sewer districts outside municipalities.

H. B. No. 546, re-enactment of law inadvertently repealed in 1911 so that county auditors may properly place omitted liquor taxes on duplicate. (Emergency clause.)

H. B. No. 286, to permit counties by referendum vote to establish county libraries.

H. B. No. 182, to make park board law conform to supreme court decision that county officers must be elected. Creates park districts.

S. B. No. 126, authorizing county commissioners to enlarge or repair tuberculosis hospitals.

H. B. No. 406, limiting the amount paid to township treasurers to \$250 annually.

H. B. No. 413, empowers county officials to purchase automobiles on approval of court.

S. B. No. 181, to give county commissioners authority to straighten rivers.

Business.

S. B. No. 162, permitting private corporations to retire their own stock.

S. B. No. 166, providing that holders of stock in a corporation which increases its stock shall have the right to subscribe for the new stock in such proportion as their respective shares bear to the whole number of shares before the increase at the price fixed by the board of directors.

S. B. No. 24, permitting boards of education which adopt a general appropriation resolution to dispense with roll calls on separate expenditures covered by such resolutions.

S. B. No. 18, to permit life teachers' certificates to be issued, without examination, to teachers of 100 months' successful experience.

S. B. No. 139, to accept the provisions of the federal act for aid in vocational training, to create a state board of education.

H. B. No. 29, legalizes system of school savings banks and regulates it.

H. B. No. 240, makes tax levy available for rural school district libraries.

H. B. No. 192, to provide for administration of school and ministerial land.

S. B. No. 239, corrects many small points in school code, points the way for county uniformity of text books, raises minimum salary of rural teachers from \$40 to \$50 a month.

H. B. No. 983, authorizing state normal schools to manage and maintain model rural schools.

H. B. No. 463, to provide for a woman's building at Ohio State university.

H. B. No. 441, provides transportation for pupils when schools of a district have been discontinued.

No. 274, authorizing the levy of two mills tax for the benefit of Western Reserve academy at Hudson, now a local university.

H. B. No. 8, re-separating state and national tickets which were recombed in the Willis administration.

H. B. No. 253, to provide for use of school grounds as a place for public meetings.

H. B. No. 159, prohibiting employers of labor from interfering with the political activities of their employees.

H. B. No. 195, to increase compensation of judges from \$23 a county to \$25 in cities to \$5 in country and \$8 in cities.

S. B. No. 48, providing for absent voting by electors who are absent from home on election day.

H. B. No. 40, providing that a person leaving his home for a government service shall not lose his residence in the county from which he was appointed.

H. B. No. 16, to give women the right to vote in presidential elections.

H. B. No. 27, providing for rotation of names on primary election ballots.

S. B. No. 245, authorizing the appointment of a committee to investigate pre-primary and pre-election expenditures of 1916 and recommend legislation to limit campaign expenditures to legitimate purposes.

S. B. No. 82, increasing the salaries of election board members in counties having cities of between 50,000 and 75,000 population to \$1,200 a year, and of the clerks of such counties to \$1,500.

H. B. No. 25, to put quail in the song bird class and take Carolina dove out.

H. B. No. 23, making fish nets of 2 1/2 inches, factory measure, as lawful for Lake Erie fishing district.

H. B. No. 88, prohibits shooting of rabbits between sunset and sunrise. Designed to prevent "spotlight shooting."

H. B. No. 108, to prohibit driving of flat boats in Lake Erie fishing district by prescribing kinds of nets which are legal.

H. B. No. 82, lets township clerks issue hunters' licenses.

H. B. No. 109, to make skunk and raccoon seasons come in on Nov. 1.

H. B. No. 163, grants right to catch carp with seine or nets at any time in bays, lakes, rivers, etc.

S. B. No. 135, authorizing traction engines to ply on state highways, provided their wheels are free from road-damaging projections.

H. B. No. 250, authorizing life insurance companies to hold proceeds of insurance policies free from alienation or legal process where contracts made to this effect—so-called "spendthrift policy."

H. B. No. 361, to permit insurance companies to invest part of surplus in railroad securities.

H. B. No. 296, providing for the organization and supervision of fire insurance rate-making bureaus and to prohibit discrimination.

H. B. No. 401, permitting motor vehicles and gas engines to be insured by mutual protective associations.

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