

Land Patent—William H. Sumpter.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the general assembly of the State of Indiana*, That the sale of the said east half of the southwest quarter of section number twelve (12), township fourteen (14) north, of range ten (10) west, in Vermillion County, Indiana, to the said William H. Sumpter is hereby legalized, ratified and confirmed, and said defective patent, or a certified copy thereof, and the records thereof, when adduced as evidence, shall be deemed and held to be of the same validity in all proceedings in any court in this state, the same as if the same had been fully and properly executed.

Emergency.

SEC. 2. Whereas an emergency exists for the immediate taking effect of this act, therefore the same shall be in force and take effect from and after its passage.

CHAPTER 214.

AN ACT providing for the publication of the annual reports of receipts and expenditures of township trustees, fixing a penalty for the violation thereof, repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith.

[H. 350. Approved March 9, 1907.]

Township Trustee—Publication of Reports.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the general assembly of the State of Indiana*, That all township trustees in the State of Indiana shall within four (4) weeks from the time of the filing of their annual report, as now provided for by law, cause to be published by one insertion in each of two leading newspapers of general circulation, printed and published in the county, each representing one of the two political parties casting the highest number of votes in the last preceding election, the receipts and expenditures by items as they appear in the annual report of such trustee: *Provided*, That where a paper is published in the township, the same shall be published in such paper, and one other in the county: *Provided*, That when there are two papers published in the township the report shall be published in both such papers and such publication shall be deemed in full compliance with the provisions of this act. And where said paper published in said township represents one of the leading political parties, then such report shall also be published

in a newspaper published at the county seat, representing the other leading political party: *Provided, however*, That in counties not having two leading newspapers of opposite politics, as herein provided, such report must be published in some newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in said county. If any such trustee fails to make such publication, then the auditor of the county shall cause such publication to be made. If there be but one newspaper published in such county, then publication shall be made in such newspaper only. Each of such newspapers shall be entitled to five (5c) cents and no more for the publication of each item for such receipts and expenditures, the same to be paid out of the township funds: *Provided, however*, That this act shall not apply to any township wherein is situated a city having a population of one hundred thousand (100,000) inhabitants or more, according to the last preceding United States census: *Provided, further*, That not more than one item shall be printed in one line.

Penalty.

SEC. 2. Any trustee or auditor who shall fail to comply with the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than twenty-five (\$25) dollars nor more than five hundred dollars.

Repeal.

SEC. 3. All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

CHAPTER 215.

AN ACT entitled an act to prevent procreation of confirmed criminals, idiots, imbeciles and rapists; providing that superintendents and boards of managers of institutions where such persons are confined shall have the authority and are empowered to appoint a committee of experts, consisting of two (2) physicians, to examine into the mental condition of such inmates.

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Preamble.

Whereas, Heredity plays a most important part in the transmission of crime, idiocy and imbecility;

Penal Institutions—Surgical Operations.

Therefore, *Be it enacted by the general assembly of the State of Indiana*, That on and after the passage of this act

it shall be compulsory for each and every institution in the state, entrusted with the care of confirmed criminals, idiots, rapists and imbeciles, to appoint upon its staff, in addition to the regular institutional physician, two (2) skilled surgeons of recognized ability, whose duty it shall be, in conjunction with the chief physician of the institution, to examine the mental and physical condition of such inmates as are recommended by the institutional physician and board of managers. If, in the judgment of this committee of experts and the board of managers, procreation is inadvisable and there is no probability of improvement of the mental condition of the inmate, it shall be lawful for the surgeons to perform such operation for the prevention of procreation as shall be decided safest and most effective. But this operation shall not be performed except in cases that have been pronounced unimprovable: *Provided*, That in no case shall the consultation fee be more than three (\$3.00) dollars to each expert, to be paid out of the funds appropriated for the maintenance of such institution.

CHAPTER 216.

AN ACT to amend sections 595, 596, 598, 599, 602, 607, 609 and 611 and repealing section 600 of an act entitled an act concerning public offenses, approved March 10, 1905, of an act entitled "An act concerning public offenses," approved March 10, 1905, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith.

[H. 438. Approved March 9, 1907.]

Public Offenses—Game—Quail, Grouse, Prairie Chicken—Breeding—Season.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the general assembly of the State of Indiana*, That section 595 of the above entitled act be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 595. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to hunt, shoot or kill, pursue for the purpose of shooting or killing, or have in his or its possession, dead or alive, except for breeding purposes, and then only by permission of the commissioner of fisheries and game, any quail, ruffed grouse, prairie chicken or pinnated grouse at any time from the first day of January of any year to the tenth day of November of the same year. Whoever shall violate any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall

be fined ten dollars for each quail, ruffed grouse, prairie chicken, or pinnated grouse so hunted, shot, killed, pursued or possessed.

Quail—Number Can Shoot or Possess—Season.

SEC. 2. That section 596 of the above entitled act be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 596. Whoever shoots, kills or has in his possession more than fifteen quail in any one day between the tenth day of November of any year and the first day of January of the succeeding year, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined ten dollars for each quail so shot, killed or possessed in excess of fifteen: *Provided*, That any person having hunted three days or more in succession may have a total of not to exceed forty-five quail, killed by himself during such hunt.

Wild Goose, Duck, Brant, Etc.—Season.

SEC. 3. That section 598 of the above entitled act be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 598. Whoever shoots or kills, or pursues for the purpose of shooting or killing, or whoever has in his possession any wild goose, wild duck, brant or other waterfowl at any time from the first day of April of any year to the first day of September of the same year, or whoever at any time between sunset of any day and sunrise of the succeeding day shoots, kills, pursues for the purpose of shooting or killing any wild goose, wild duck, brant or other waterfowl, or whoever at any time pursues any wild goose, wild duck, brant or other waterfowl with or by means of a naphtha, electric or steam launch or boat, or any other kind of boat except a row boat or push boat, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined ten dollars for each wild goose, wild duck, brant or other waterfowl so shot, killed, possessed or pursued.

Wild Duck, Goose, Brant, Etc.—Possession—Season.

SEC. 4. That section 599 of the above entitled act be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 599. Whoever shoots or kills, or whoever has in his possession, more than fifteen wild ducks, wild geese, brant or other waterfowl, in any one day at any time from the first day of September of any year to the first day of April of the succeeding year, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined ten dollars for each