

pended by the Secretary of the State in purchasing for the State Library such volumes of Supreme Court reports, digests and statutes of any state or territory, where such volumes cannot be procured by exchange, and for the purchase of such other books or documents as may be deemed desirable for the best uses and purposes of such library.

§ 2. APPROPRIATION FOR CARE AND CUSTODY.] That a sum not to exceed five hundred (500) dollars annually shall be appropriated for the care and custody of said library.

§ 3. ACCOUNTS, HOW PAID.] That upon the presentation of the verified accounts of the Secretary for the purchase and cost of transportation of any such volumes, and for the care and custody of library, the State Auditor shall draw his warrant on the State Treasury for such amounts.

§ 4. REPEAL.] All acts or parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

§ 5. EMERGENCY.] There being an emergency existing by virtue of there being no provisions for the purchase of books for the State Library, therefore this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved April 1, 1890.

SUPPORT OF MARRIED WOMEN.

CHAPTER 167.

[H. F. 214.]

WIFE MAY APPEAL TO DISTRICT COURT FOR RELIEF.

AN ACT to Provide for the Support of Married Women.

Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. MAY APPLY TO DISTRICT COURT.] That it shall be lawful for any married woman to apply to the district court of the county in which she resides for an order upon her husband to provide for her support and the support of her minor children, if any, by said husband living with her.

§ 2. WHAT PETITION SHALL SET FORTH.] Her petition shall set forth the facts and circumstances upon which she relies for such order, and if it shall appear to the court, after hearing the parties that said husband is able to support or contribute to the

support of his wife and said children, if any, and that he neglects or refuses to perform his duty in that respect, the court shall have power to make such decree as to the support of said wife and children, if any, by said husband as shall be equitable in view of the circumstances of both parties.

§ 3. FORM OF PRACTICE.] The practice in such cases shall conform as nearly as may be to the practice in divorce cases, and the court shall have power to enforce its orders as in other equity cases.

§ 4. WHEN DECREE MAY BE MODIFIED OR VACATED.] Such decree may be modified or vacated at any time upon the hearing of the parties.

§ 5. EMERGENCY.] Inasmuch as there is urgent necessity for providing for the support of married women without delay, this act shall take effect from, and be enforced from and after its passage and approval.

Approved March 6, 1890.

CHAPTER 168.

[S. F. 187.]

PUNISHMENT FOR ABANDONMENT OF WIFE OR CHILD.

AN ACT Relating to the Punishment of a Father for the Abandonment of His Children and of Husband for the Abandonment of His Wife.

Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. PENALTY FOR ABANDONMENT OF WIFE OR CHILD.] If any parent shall willfully abandon his or her minor children, or either of them, leaving them, or either of them, in a destitute condition, or being of sufficient ability or able to earn the means of their support, shall unreasonably refuse or neglect to provide for his or her minor child or children, or either of them, or if a husband shall willfully abandon his wife, leaving her in a destitute condition, or being of sufficient ability, or able to earn the means of her support, shall unreasonably refuse or neglect to provide for her, such parent or husband shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not less than thirty days nor more than six months.

§ 2. All acts or parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Approved March 31, 1890.