

[House Bill No. 799.]

AN ACT

To establish a state forestry bureau.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio,* That there be and hereby is established at the state university, at Columbus, Ohio, a central office for the promotion of forestry, to be entitled the state forestry bureau, which shall consist of three members, to be appointed by the governor, as a board of directors. The members of the board of directors shall be commissioned by the governor, and be duly qualified as like officers of the state; one of three directors shall serve for six years, the second for four years and the third for two years, and on the expiration of terms of service, appointments shall be made for the term of six years.

State forestry bureau; appointment and term of members.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of said state forestry bureau to thoroughly inquire into the character and extent of the forests of the state; to investigate the causes which are in operation to produce their waste or decay; to suggest what legislation, if any, may be necessary for the development of a rational system of forestry, adapted to the wants and conditions of this state, and with the consent of the trustees of the Ohio state university, the said directors may establish a forestry station on the grounds of said university. The directors shall select one of their number, or appoint a qualified person as secretary, to carry out the plans of the board, who shall receive such compensation for his services as shall be agreed upon by the board; provided, that all expenses incurred under this act shall not exceed the amount hereinafter provided. Said directors shall serve without compensation, but shall be allowed their necessary expenses incurred in discharge of the duties of their office.

Duties of the bureau; forestry station; appointment of secretary; expenses of bureau.

SEC. 3. This bureau shall annually make a report to the governor, which shall contain the results of the investigation, together with such other information as the board may deem necessary for the promotion of forestry in this state. Five thousand (5,000) copies of this report are to be printed by the state, two thousand (2,000) of which shall be distributed by this bureau of forestry, and the remainder by the general assembly.

Annual report.

SEC. 4. There is hereby appropriated for the ensuing year, for the maintenance of said bureau, the sum of one thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of meeting the actual expenses of carrying out the provisions of this act.

Appropriation for expenses.

SEC. 5. No money shall be expended except on order of the president direct, or by and with the approval of the board.

Expenditures.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

A. D. MARSH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN G. WARWICK,

President of the Senate.

Passed April 16, 1885.