

CHAPTER 677.

An act to create the office of "Chief of Fire Department" and decrease the fire waste of the State.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. That there is hereby created in the cities and incorporated towns of the State where not already established by their charters the office of "Chief of Fire Department." It shall be the duty of said "Chief of Fire Department" to do and perform the duties prescribed in chapter 58, Public Laws of 1899, and acts amendatory thereof, and such other duties as are prescribed in the charters and ordinances of the cities and towns of the State.

Office of Chief of Fire Department created.

Duties.

SEC. 2. That where it is not fixed in the charters of said cities and towns, it shall be the duty of the Boards of Aldermen and Commissioners in each city and town to elect such officer, and to fix the term of office, prescribe the duties and obligations and compensation of "Chief of Fire Department," and change the duties and compensation from time to time, not inconsistent with the duties as prescribed in chapter 58, Public Laws 1899, and acts amendatory thereof.

Town Commissioners to elect, fix term of office, prescribe duties and compensation, etc.

SEC. 3. That where said duties are not prescribed by the charters or Board of Control of incorporated cities and towns, it shall be the duty of said "Chief of Fire Department," in addition to the duties prescribed in chapter 58, Public Laws of 1899, to preserve and care for the fire apparatus, to have charge of the fighting and putting out of all fires, to make annual reports to their city or town governments, to seek out and have corrected all places and conditions dangerous to the safety of the city from fire, to look after buildings being erected with a view to their safety from fires and to do and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the governing boards of the several cities and towns.

Additional duties of "Chief."

SEC. 4. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times, and ratified this the 14th day of March, A. D. 1901.