

to be held as soon after the passage of this act as may be practicable. Election to be held.

SEC. 3. Any person violating the provisions of section two of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, and imprisoned not less than thirty days nor more than six months for each offence, at the discretion of the court, which fine or fines shall be appropriated one-half to the said Beaufort Peabody Educational Association and the remainder to the state. Penalty

SEC. 4. This act shall be in force from any after its ratification. When act to take effect.

Ratified the 18th day of December, A. D. 1871.

CHAPTER VIII.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE RELIANCE BUCKET AND AXE FIRE COMPANY OF NEWBERN.

SECTION 1. *The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact,* That the charter of the Reliance Bucket and Axe Fire Company, of Newbern, shall be so amended as to exempt the members of said company from serving as jurors on any coroner's inquest or in the special or superior courts of Craven county, during the existence of such membership. Amendment.

SEC. 2. That all laws conflicting with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed. Repealing clause.

SEC. 3. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification. When act to be in force.

Ratified the 21st day of December, A. D. 1871.