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SENATE AND HOUSE BILLS ENACTED

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STATE OF COLORADO

(1953 Regular Session)

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#### SENATE BILLS ENACTED AND APPROVED

SENATE BILLS NO. **SUBJECT**  $\frac{State}{three} \ \frac{Fair}{to} \ \frac{Commission}{to} \ - \ \frac{Fevolving}{to} \ \frac{Fund}{from} \ - \ Increases \ number \ of \ commissioners \ from \ the$ 6 state at large; provided, that the member from the 3rd congressional district shall be a resident of Pueblo. Provides for a five hundred dollar (\$500.00) revolving fund to be available to the commission in any of its activities. February 9 February 9 Sale of Real Property - Authorizes sale of certain real property in the city and county 7. of Denver by the State Highway Commission, at the highest price obtainable, but not less than the price at which said property was purchased by the State Highway Commission. February 6 February 6 Control of Muskrat - Permits a landowner to destroy, kill or remove muskrats when they are interfering with the flow of water or the operation of any headgate, irrigation ditch or other water system used for irrigation purposes; allows pelts to be sold and the proceeds thereof to be retained by such landowner. March 12 March 12 14 State Highway Commission - Creation and Appointment - Amends the present law by removing Jackson county from District 2 and placing said county in District 6. February 25 February 25 Annual Statements of Insurance Companies - Changes the national convention of insurance 16 commissioners to the national association of insurance commissioners, as the body that adopts from year to year the prescribed form for annual statements. February 18 February 18 17 Charter of the City of Blackhawk - Amends present law by changing term of office of certain city officials from two to four years, and provides for the election of six aldermen, to be chosen without regard to wards. March 3 March 3 18 Legislative Council Created - Council created and powers and duties thereof are set forth. Director of Research shall be in charge of the council and he shall have authority to appoint such assistants as he deems necessary to perform the functions assigned to him. Council given authority to subpoena witnesses for purposes it deems necessary. Governor may make requests and recommendations. Membership consists of five Senators and six Representatives; at least two Representatives and one Senator from minority party. President of Senate and Speaker of the House are ex-officio members. March 17 March 17 19 Election of Boards of Directors of Irrigation Districts - Notice - Provides additional method of posting notice of election by publishing such notice once a week for at least three weeks (four weekly publications) prior to such election in a newspaper of general circulation in each county in which the district is located. February 13 February 13 22 Appropriation - Relief for Northrup's Sporting Goods. \$27.50 March 5 March 5

Appropriation - Relief of the Lamar Tackle Shop. - \$1,026,75.

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 $\frac{\text{Colorado}}{\text{a/general}} \, \frac{\text{Revised}}{\text{nature}} \, \frac{\text{Statutes}}{\text{all statutes of a general nature not included therein; provides}}{\text{that all laws passed by Thirty-ninth General Assembly shall be included in said revision.}}$ 

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Motor vehicles - Width, Height and Length - Amends and adds a new subsection to the present law; provides that vehicles used for mass transportation of passengers operated within certain limits shall not exceed 40 feet in length nor 8 feet 6 inches in outside width.

February 19

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<u>Crime</u> - <u>Unfair Practices Act</u> - Repeals that part of the present law that requires an annual license for all persons, firms, corporations or other organizations now required to have a store license.

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Insurance - Licensing and License Fees - Adds a new subsection to the present law providing for continuation of a broker's license and an agent's or an agent's employee's license by filing notice of intention and by paying the annual license fee of \$10.00 for a broker, and \$2.00 for an agent or an agent's employee.

March 2

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Uniform Guaranty Fund Deposits By Alien and Foreign Insurers, Except Life Insurance Companies - Requires all foreign or alien insurers, except any life insurance company, to deposit with the Insurance Commissioner, cash or securities sufficient to protect all policyholders of such insurer in the United States; if such a deposit has been made in another state, a certificate of proof will suffice here. Any insurer may use a trust company in Colorado to act as a depository. Provisions made for release and return of deposit when certain conditions are met.

March 12

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Motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers - Brake equipment - Amends present law and provides that horse trailers of a capacity of two horses or less need not be equipped with brakes, and any two-wheel motor vehicle need have brakes on only one wheel.

February 19

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Fireworks - Prohibiting the Sale and Use Thereof With Certain Exceptions - Clarifies the present law by providing that the term "fireworks" shall not include toy pistols, toy guns, sparklers or torches that do not contain explosive charges, or paper caps for toy pistols; and permits sale of such items.

March 26

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42 <u>Casualty Insurance and Assigned Risk Plans</u> - Amends present law by providing for consultation between the commissioner of insurance and insurers to set up assigned risk plans; provides that any insurer who does not subscribe to or comply with the plan shall be notified, and after a hearing thereon, such insurer's certificate of authority may be suspended.

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Insurance Department - Filing Fees - Amends present law by adding certain fees to those already assessed on insurance companies; provides for fees to be paid by insurand brokers and agents for examinations, licenses and annual notices.

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Intoxicating Liquors - Amends present law by permitting manufacturers and wholesalers of liquor to supply retailers with displays for use within the premises of such retailer, and deleting the word "decorations" from the list of furnishings prohibited.

April 2

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Old Age Pension - Amends present law by providing a five year period prior to application in which no transfer of property can be made; rewrites subsection referring to inmates of public institutions, so as to comply with federal regulations; recognizes the new class of pensioners set up by House Bill No. 183, Session Laws of Colorado, 1953.

April 17

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Aid to Indigent Persons Afflicted With Tuberculosis - Amends present law by raising the average amount of assistance for hospitalization and other care from \$7.00 to \$8.00 per day per patient.

March 12

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Fiduciaries - Distribution of Express Funds - Powers of Appointment - This bill protects a trustee of an express trust from any responsibility upon distribution of property when such property is subject to powers of appointment, when said trustee has no knowledge of an instrument exercising such power, or where such instrument is held wholly or partially invalid without said trustee's knowledge.

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Wills and Estates - Joinder by Personal Representatives - This is a new law permitting the personal representative of a decedent to join with the spouse of a decedent in making a joint federal income tax return for the decedent and his spouse; allows gifts to be made and treated as made one-half by decedent and one-half by his spouse; permits such representative to contract concerning such joint income tax returns, and provides for a hearing upon petition.

March 12

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County Fairs - Amends present law by increasing the acreage that may be leased or purchased for promotion of the fair from sixty to one hundred acres, and eliminates the maximum amount that may be expended therefor; allows the Board of County Commissioners to appropriate whatever funds may be necessary for purchasing, leasing and improving the fair grounds; provides, further, that the commissioners may use county funds for promoting and encouraging regional or districts fairs of which such county is a part.

February 25

February 25

Motor vehicles - Width, Height and Length - Amends and adds a new subsection to the present law; provides for an over-all maximum length of 40 feet for busses used for transportation between towns and cities in the state, and changes the maximum over-all length of a combination of vehicles coupled together from 50 feet to 60 feet.

February 18

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Conveyances - Areas Above Surface Lands - New law providing that estates, rights and interests in areas above the surface of the ground, whether or not contiguous thereto, may be validly created in persons or corporations other than the owner of the land below such areas, and shall be deemed to be estates, rights and interests in lands, capable of being passed by descent and distribution as other lands may be, and all rights, privileges burdens shall be the same as other real property.

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Workmen's Compensation - Amends present law by authorizing the attachment of an endorsement to a workmen's compensation insurance policy, including as an employee of the insured any working partner or individual employer actively engaged in the operation of the business. Increases dependent's benefits on the death of an employee from 50% to 66 2/3% of employee's compensation. Increases maximum weekly compensation from \$28.00 to \$29.75. The compensation in case of temporary disability of more than seven days duration is increased from 50% to 66 2/3% of the average weekly wages and increases the maximum from \$28.00 to \$29.75 per week. Makes same increase for temporary partial disability. Raises amount that can be received for permanent partial disability from \$7,280.00 to \$7,735.00. Raises permanent or total disablement maximum from \$8,764.00 to \$9,311.75.

March 6

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Appropriation - State Engineer - Gaging Station - \$5,000.00.

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Appropriation - Administration of Rio Grande and Costilla Creek Compacts - \$6,000.00.

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<u>Pari-mutuel</u> <u>wagering</u> - Amends present law by prohibiting waging at any race course by any person under the age of 21 years.

March 12

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Revenue and Taxation - Amends the present law by increasing the allowance for depletion under the state income tax law in the case of coal mines from 5% to 10% of the gross income, but not to exceed 50% of the net income.

April 16

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<u>Irrigation Districts</u> - <u>Elections</u> - Permits an irrigation district to constitute one election precinct, and provides for procedure to be followed in holding any election conducted by such irrigation district.

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<u>Historical Monuments</u> - Establishes certain historical sites in the state as State Historical Monuments and gives the State Historical Society of Colorado the authority to manage and control said monuments, to survey and study sites and structures of historical interest, and to acquire such sites or structures as it deems advisable for historical monuments.

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91 Sale and Conveyance of Real Property - Authorizes the State of Colorado to sell certain land located in Jefferson County to the city of Golden, Colorado, for the sum of \$3,000, to be paid prior to December 31, 1954.

March 24

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Colorado State Home - Establishes an institution for the aged at Trinidad, to be called the Colorado State Home.

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Appropriation - Relief of R. M. Gow - \$318.00

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104 Appropriation - Relief of W. A. Denman - \$237.50.

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Motor vehicles - Amends present law by requiring drivers of vehicles on any highway to slow down to 10 miles per hour upon meeting or overtaking any school bus which has stopped on the highway for the purpose of receiving or discharging school children.

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Appropriation - Legislative Council - \$12,500.00. 111

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<u>Securities - Sale and Offering for Sale - Adds new paragraph to present law which permits the issuance, publication or circulation of a preliminary form of prospectus,</u> 119 an identifying statement or other form of descriptive statement relating to such security concerning which a Registration Statement is pending before the Securities Exchange Commission.

April 1

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<u>Underground</u> <u>Water</u> - <u>Regulation and Licensing of Water</u> <u>Well Drilling</u> - Provides procedure to protect and conserve the underground water resources of the state by regulating the construction of wells so as to assure that they are made, maintained, operated and used in a manner which will prevent waste and pollution and which will permit the maximum beneficial use of underground water. Repeals specifically law concerning artesian wells, and all other acts or parts of acts in conflict herewith.

April 17

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State Board of Agriculture - Amends present law by providing that no member of the board may succeed himself, nor at any time be eligible for a second term; proviso 121 permits any person who is elected to fill a vacancy shall be eligible for appointment for one additional full term.

March 31

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128 Public Health - Amends present law by providing certain private homes and institutions, including nursing homes, shall be licensed annually; adds new subsection requiring state owned institutions to comply with standards of maintenance and operation of all said institutions, as may be set forth by the State Health Department.

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Judiciary - Supervision of Inferior Courts by Supreme Court - Divides state into 130 judicial departments, as may be prescribed by the Supreme Court, but not to exceed six in number; Chief Justice to administer act and he shall assign one or more Justices to supervise each such judicial department.

April 1

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133 Judges of Courts of Record - Amends present law by providing that a county judge admitted to practice law in the state may be called upon to serve as a district judge in any district; when such county judge is called upon to serve as a district judge, he shall be entitled to \$20.00 per day payable out of the general County Fund of the county in which he has performed; the calling judge certifies number of days served.

April 1

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<u>Compromise</u> and <u>Arbitration of Inheritance Taxes</u> - Adopts the uniform act on interstate compromise and arbitration of inheritance taxes; if compromise between the inheritance 135 taxing authorities of Colorado and another state, the question may be submitted to a board of arbitration selected by the parties to the agreement. Decisions of said board are final. This act is reciprocal only.

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Leasing Lands of Cities and Incorporated Towns for Oil and Gas - Authorizes city councils and boards of trustees, as the case may be, to lease any real estate or interest therein owned by the city or town for oil and gas exploration, development and production purposes; lease shall not exceed 10 years, and as long thereafter as oil or gas is produced and shall provide a royalty of not less than 12 1/2%. Confirms leases heretofore made. Authorizes any pooling unitization or consolidation of acreage for oil and gas exploration, development and production.

April 16

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Leasing of School District Lands for Oil and Gas - Authorizes every school board to lease real estate or interest therein for oil and gas exploration, development and production; 10 year lease maximum and 12 1/2% royalty. Confirms leases heretofore made. Authorizes school board to enter into a pooling unitization or consolidation of acreage agreement for oil and gas exploration, development and production.

April 16

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Appropriation - Relief of Uni Gas Service of Pueblo, Colorado - \$1,099.15.

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Negotiable Instruments - Amends present law by providing that if the day of maturity of a negotiable instrument shall fall upon a Saturday (in addition to Sundays and holidays), the instrument is payable on the next succeeding business day which is not a Saturday.

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Fire Protection District - Amends present law by providing that each member of the board may receive compensation for his services not in excess of \$60.00 per annum, payable monthly.

March 31

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149 <u>Fire Protection Districts</u> - Amends present law by validating all fire protection districts / created pursuant to certain acts, by adding "as if created under this act".

April 1

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Public Health - Creation of Disposal Districts - Law provides certain purposes and powers of disposal districts created herein; created to serve a public use and to promote health, safety, prosperity, security and general welfare of the inhabitants of said districts.

March 20

July 1, 1953

Public Health - Amends present law in regard to the establishment and maintenance of a public hospital in any county by providing special qualifications and requirements for counties with a population of less than 3,000.

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School District Officers - Powers and Duties - Permits any first class school district to have all moneys received by the county treasurer for such district paid direct to the treasurer of such district by the county treasurer and deposited in a bank account, subject to withdrawal by the district treasurer. Sections of the present law are amended to conform with the new provision.

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Civil Service Employees' Salaries - Civil Service Commission established additional classifications and this law sets forth the compensation to be paid such classes; pertains to medical profession.

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State School Lands - Leasing - Provides for the leasing of state lands for grazing purposes on a formula basis to obtain the rent per animal unit per month for any given year; factors considered in formula include base price of cattle in Colorado, base rent per animal unit per month, average price per hundredweight of beef cattle in Colorado for the year preceding the fixing of the rental. The State Board of Land Commissioners authorized to adjust final figure.

March 31

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System of Streets, Roads and Highways - Establishes new system that would consist of federal aid primary roads, federal aid secondary roads, urban connections and not to exceed 5% of state highways declared in the system by the state highway commission, though not a part of the federal system. Provides for duties and functions of such a system and requires the General Assembly to review all highway legislation annually and every five years the Governor shall appoint a committee of not less than 15, consisting of 8 members of the General Assembly and 7 other persons, to review legislation.

March 28

December 31, 1953

Highway Users Tax Fund - Fund created shall consist of all excise taxes on motor fuels, registration fees on driver's motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers, the ton mile and passenger mile taxes on vehicles, or fees in payment substituted therefor. Said fund is appropriated for the acquisition of rights-of-way for and the construction, engineering and maintenance of highways. Specifies allocation of fund, and times, dates, and manner in which various allocations shall be made.

March 28

January 1, 1954

Easements and Rights-of-Way - Grants across State Lands - Gives power and authority to all state institutions, departments and other state agencies to grant easements or rights-of-way across land owned or controlled by such institution, department or agency for use of public utilities, sewer lines, gas lines, telephone lines, or other services owned or controlled by a political subdivision or public corporation of Colorado or the United States.

March 24

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Zoning in Cities and Towns - Amends present law by providing that amendments to building regulations become effective upon favorable vote of 3/4 of all the "voting" members of the legislative body of the municipality.

April 1

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Municipal Planning Commissions - Amends present law by redefining certain terms in the law and puts a maximum limit of 7 members on the planning commission of a city not regulated by a home rule charter.

April 16

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Policemen's Pension Funds - Retirement - Deletes that portion of the present law providing no city marshal nor his dependents shall be entitled to any benefits under the pension law, unless he is injured, incapacitated or killed while performing police duties.

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190 <u>Commission Form of Government - Second Class Cities - Repeals Chapter 246,</u> Session Laws of Colorado, 1945, pertaining to the adoption of the Commission form of government by cities of the second class.

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Cosmetology - Amends the present law by redefining the term "cosmetology" to include specifically certain practices when done for payment, either directly or indirectly, or when done without pay for the public generally, and whether done by a person or a copartnership, association or corporation. Penalty provisions are provided and the appointment and function of the State Board of Cosmetology are considered.

April 16

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Eminent Domain - Adds a new subsection to the present law authorizing the Department of Revenue to acquire real property, in the name of the state, by exercise of eminent domain through condemnation proceedings. Power expires August 1, 1953.

March 17

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Firemen's Pensions - Amends disability retirement law by adding that any officer, member or employee of the fire department who has completed five years as a member but who is unable to work because of heart disease or any disease of the lungs or respiratory tract, shall be presumed to have contracted such disease on the job, and shall be retired. Presumption may be overcome by competent evidence.

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State Institutions - Creates a State Board of Control for State Homes for the Aged; makes said board part of the executive department. Provides for appointment of members, sets forth the duties of the board, establishes eligibility requirements for care in the State Homes for the Aged, and provides for payments for care by the individual or county and appropriation for carrying out duties of the board.

April 16

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Elections - Amends present law by providing that the election of the officers of the county central committee shall occur between the first day of March and the second Saturday in March of even numbered years; election of state central committee shall occur between March 15 and April 1, of even numbered years.

April 16

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Tax Levies - Board of County Commissioners is permitted to pay expenses of cemetery district wholly within the county out of general county fund instead of separate levy for cemetery district; separate levy limited to one mill. Similar provision in regard to recreational districts. Repeals provisions of law authorizing board to levy a tax to pay any floating indebtedness; repeals authorization to establish a county poor house; repeals provision of law allowing a tax levy by board to pay bounties for destruction of jack-rabbits.

April 16

July 1, 1953

201 <u>Safety Protection Districts - Establishment - Amends present law by establishing safety protection districts under the metropolitan district act, to provide for traffic and safety controls and devices on streets and highways and at railroad crossings, including underpasses and overpasses.</u>

April 1

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Fermented Malt Beverages - Amends present law by permitting manufacturers and wholesalers of liquor to supply displays within retail liquor licensed premises; authorizes manufacturers and wholesalers to supply advertising materials which are intended primarily to advertise the product of such manufacturer or wholesaler and have little value; permits servicing small beverage dispensing equipment.

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Judicial Districts - Creates a new judicial district - the 16th - for the State of Colorado. Said district consists of the counties of Bent, Crowley and Otero. Sets forth terms of court; provides for appointment of judge to preside until the next general election.

April 3

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Wills and Estates - Amends present law by requiring a will, when presented for probate, to be accompanied by a petition for its probate, setting forth such information as the court shall require. Citation to persons to be notified advises them of time, date and place set for hearing probate. If objections are filed, the other will (if so designated) shall be filed, and the court shall determine the person entitled to notice and shall issue amended citation to all concerned, setting a new date for the hearing of objections, and said court shall determine which will is entitled to probate.

April 1

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<u>Limitation of Actions</u> - Prohibits any person from bringing action for title to real property under a contact of sale or purchase or under a bond for a deed more than ten years after the date required in the instrument for the conveyance of the property, unless such person is at the time of the commencement of the action in possession of the property.

March 31

June 1, 1953

Corporations - Repeals that section of the law pertaining to service of process on corporations; repeals also that part of the law providing that the board of directors of a mining or manufacturing corporation shall not have the power to encumber the mines or plant of the corporation without submitting the question to a special meeting of stockholders, and a majority of all outstanding stock votes in favor of such mortgaging.

April 16

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Assault With a Deadly Weapon - Makes assault with a deadly weapon a felony rather than a high misdemeanor, and changes penalty to confinement in the penitentiary from one to five years.

March 31

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Chattel Mortgages - Amends present law by providing that any chattel mortgage, even though unacknowledged, if executed and filed or recorded properly, shall be valid notice against third parties, as if duly and properly acknowledged; such unacknowledged mortgage shall not be admissible in evidence until the execution thereof has been properly established.

March 31

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Wills and Estates - Repeals present section of the law pertaining to revocation of letters and resignation of executor, guardian, administrator or conservator. New provisions set forth procedure to be followed in case of the death or disability of a fiduciary; authorizes court to compel a fiduciary to make a final report of his accounts and acts when he is removed; court may suspend fiduciary if in the best interests of the estate, and may designate some other person to perform those duties.

April 1

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Wills and Estates - Amends present law relating to reports of fiduciaries. Reports must be filed every six months; court may lengthen or shorten time or dispense with report altogether. Vouchers must support all disbursements; ten years from date of discharge of said fiduciary, the court may order destruction of all vouchers, and thereafter the report shall be evidence of the disbursements therein.

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Application of Agricultural Chemicals by Aircraft - This new law regulates, in the public interest, the aircraft application of insecticides, fungicides, herbicides or other agricultural chemicals. Provides for advisory groups to assist in formulating rules and regulations. Requires license to be issued before engaging in aircraft application of such chemicals; requires licensee to maintain such records concerning any applications as the Commission of Agriculture deems necessary. Provides for penalties for any yiolations of the regulations.

April 16

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Workmen's Compensation - Establishes a policyholder's advisory council, composed of seven members appointed by the governor, all of whom shall be either employers whose liability under the law is insured by the state compensation insurance fund or officers, officials or representatives of such employers. Members serve four year overlapping terms. Powers and duties of the council are prescribed - mainly to assist the industrial commission in formulating policies and discussing problems related to the administration of the state fund. Recommendations are to be submitted to the Governor, the General Assembly and the Industrial Commission.

April 16

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Parental and Truant Schools - Repeals the law relating to parental or truant schools.

March 17

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Eminent Domain - Repeals that part of the law pertaining to the rights-of-way of an electric energy company and the power to contract for rights-of-way.

April 16

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Colorado Revised Statutes - 1953 - Provides that the new statutes shall be copyrighted for and in behalf of the state. Provides for the printing, publication and disposition of the Colorado Revised Statutes 1953, and for the editing and revising thereof. Appropriates \$175,000 to accomplish that purpose.

April 3

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Express Rates - Repeals that section of the law providing that express rates shall not be more than double the first class freight rates as they now exist.

April 1

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Corporations - Amends present law by permitting a corporation for profit to have a variable number of directors as fixed and stated in the certificate of incorporation; said certificate shall designate minimum and maximum number, but in no event less than three. Where the number of directors is variable, the number can be increased by the board, but cannot be decreased between annual meetings except by stockholders at a special meeting.

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Old Age and Survivors Insurance - Social Security - Coverage - Amends present law by including justices of the peace and constables under the coverage enabling certain officers and employees of the political subdivisions of the state protection under the Social Security Act.

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Revenue and Taxation - Amends present law by adding a new subsection providing for the redemption of stock to pay the death taxes of a decedent, and specifying that said amount shall not be treated as a dividend unless said amount exceeds the taxes; amount received must be distributed after death and within four years and six months from date of death.

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Oil and Gas Leases from Counties - Amends present law by changing maximum lease terms from ten to five years; adds new proviso authorizing the county commissioners when they deem that, because of the size, shape or current use of any tract of county real estate, the public interest so requires to provide in any lease of such a tract that no drilling shall be conducted on land covered thereby, in which case the lease shall be for a term not to exceed ten years and so long thereafter as the county may share in royalties payable on account of production of oil or gas from lands adjacent to such tract of county land so leased.

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Conservation of Natural Gas - This law declares the underground storage of natural gas to be in the public interest, and grants the right of eminent domain in underground resservoirs for the injection and storage of natural gas therein and the withdrawal of natural gas therefrom, by any public utility engaged in the transportation, distribution or storage of natural gas; procedure to be followed is set forth.

March 20

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Judges of Supreme Court - Pensions - Amends present law by providing that in addition to the pension of \$3000.00 per year for those judges serving ten years and being 65 years of age, any judge serving twenty years or more and having attained 75 years of age shall be entitled to a pension of \$4,000.00; any judge serving thirty years or more and having attained 80 years of age shall be entitled to a pension of \$5,000. Applicable to former judges and all who hereafter cease to hold office by reason of expiration of term or voluntary resignation.

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Homesteads and Exemptions - Amends present law by allowing a homestead to be created by recording in the office of the clerk and recorder of the county where the property is located, an instrument meeting the requirements set forth; allows a creditor to have property sold if he files an affidavit stating he believes the property is of a value greater than \$5,000.00, If property is not sold for more than \$5,000.00, the sale proceedings terminate. If joint tenants homestead property, the homestead continues for the benefit of the survivor; insurance or exempt property is likewise exempt; homestead exemption is in addition to allowance to widows and children under the probate laws. Court may authorize a conservator to convey or encumber the homestead of a mentally incompetent person.

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School Budgets - Amends present law by adding a new subsection providing that the governing body of any school district may provide for a reserve in the budget of the district for any fiscal year; cannot exceed 15% of amount budgeted for operating costs; districts with a population of more than 100,000 may have a reserve not exceeding 25% of budget. Said reserve shall not be spent within the fiscal year to which budget applies, but is to be spent the following year. Not a continuing reserve. Proviso permits districts with a total budget not exceeding \$12,000 to make additional tax levy to produce not more than 40% of the total budget to create a sinking fund for acquisition of transportation equipment.

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Planning and Zoning Unincorporated Territory Within Counties - Amends present law by permitting the board of county Commissioners, in counties of less than 15,000 population, to appoint a separate body to serve as county planning commission; provides for designation of associate members to sit when a regular member is unable. New proviso that if any plans, plats, plots or replots have been recorded prior to the effective date of this act without endorsement or approval of the commission, the same may be ratified by the commission, giving it full force and effect.

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Insurance - Amends present law by increasing the amount of life insurance on the debtor permissible from \$5,000 to \$10,000. A new subsection is added providing that life insurance covering not less than 100 members of any credit union in amounts not to exceed \$1,000 is permissible with the premium to be paid by the credit union or by the credit union and its members jointly, and when so paid not less than 75% may be insured.

April 16

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289 <u>Conveyance of Real Property</u> - Authorizes sale by the state of a certain parcel of land located in Jefferson County.

March 31

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Reapportionment of General Assembly - Fixes ratios for the apportionment of Senators and Representatives of the General Assembly. There shall be 35 Senators and 65 Representatives; 25 Senatorial districts established and the Representative districts are set up to include one or more counties. Effective date shall be 1954 general election for representatives; no present term of office is affected. Effective as to senatorial districts in 1954 and 1956 as provided in the act.

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Taxation - Waiver of Interest and Penalty - Provides for aggrieved taxpayer to file petition with county assessor (must file not later than May 1, 1953) for a hearing before the assessor. Appeal from adverse decision may be had to the Board of County Commissioners for a review of any assessment. No penalty or interest shall be charged, nor can such property be sold for taxes, until hearings are determined. Act applies only as to taxes and assessments for 1952.

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Salaries and Allowances - State Officials - Establishes new salaries and allowances for certain elected and appointed state officials, including the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, state treasurer and state auditor. Effective dates of salaries vary to meet constitutional requirements. Increases compensation of the general assembly.

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295 Gifts to the State - Authorizes the superintendent of public buildings, with the approval of the governor, to accept on behalf of the state any devise or gifts inter vivos of property donated to the state for the purpose of an executive mansion.

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Appropriation - Colorado State Hospital - Boiler Plant - \$725,000.00.

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297 Appropriation - Increase in Salaries and Wages of Certain Officers and Employees - Civil Service - \$1,000,000.00. Sets forth new pay scale and new grading system.

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299 <u>Appropriation - Unpaid Balances of Salaries Due Members of Thirty-eighth General</u>
Assembly - \$5,000.00.

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HOUSE BILLS

Appropriation - Ordinary Expenses of First Regular Session of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly - \$280,000. January 21

January 21

<u>Professional Nursing - State Board of Nurse Examiners - Raises original application</u> and license fee from \$10.00 to \$25.00; increases fee for license issued to a nurse who has practiced in another state and meets the state qualifications from \$15.00 to \$25.00; increases annual license fee from \$1.00 to \$3.00.

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Appointment of Stenographers and Special Officers For District Attorneys in Second Class Counties - Amends present law by providing that a stenographer appointed in a district having more than 100,000 population shall receive an annual salary of \$3,000; stenographers appointed in districts of less than 100,000 population shall receive \$2,400 annually.

March 31

Mentally Ill Persons - Amends present law by changing the terms and designation of mentally ill persons; provides for sending dangerous patients at Colorado State Hospital to the penitentiary; provides for examination and observation of inmates in state reformatory or penitentiary who are believed mentally ill, for their confinement at the hospital, and for their maintenance while so confined.

March 31

Small Estates - Amends present law by providing for the distribution of estates under \$1,000.00 without administration. Apparently relates only to administration of personal estates.

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General Assembly - Amends present law by providing that prior to final adjournment, each house may by resolution designate the persons to finish the clerical work and complete records of proceedings; terms of service fixed therein. The presiding officer of each house shall, semi-monthly during session, certify number of days of service rendered by each employee, and amount payable for such service; state controller draws warrant for compensation. Presiding officers also certify, semi-monthly during session, the number of days of service of each member of his respective house, and designate amount due. Amends procedure for completing journals and printing thereof. Repeals section of the law pertaining to duties of revision committees and certificates of service.

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Determination of Descent of Real Estate - Amends the present law by inserting a proviso stating that no mailing of a copy of notice to heirs of a decedent shall be necessary where a consent has been executed or the heir has been personally served with notice or has acknowledged or waived service of process. Also amends law permitting joinder with action brought affecting real property, by requiring complaint to set forth the same matters required in petition under this act and the alleged heirs shall be joined as defendants.

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Firemen's Disability Retirement and Pension - Increase from \$25.00 to \$30.00 the amount of additional compensation payable to those receiving a disability payment or a retirement pension.

March 23

Drugs - Definition of terms - Changes present law insofar as the use of barbital; allows a mixture containing salts or derivatives of barbituric acid or any other hypnotic or somnifacient drug, to be sold if done so in good faith and if such mixture contains other drugs to cause it to produce an action other than its hypnotic or somnifacient action.

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Coroners' Deputies - Amends present law by requiring the appointment of a deputy coroner to be made in writing and filed in the coroner's office; requires the act of the deputy to be done in the name of the coroner and signed by the deputy performing the act.

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Appropriation - Payment of Secretarial Expenses of the Interim Committee of Industrial Diseases - \$ 161.70.

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Appropriation - Purchase of Real Estate for the State Home and Training School at Ridge - \$47,000.

April 16

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Occupational disease medical benefits - Raises the amount an employee shall be entitled to receive from the employer, when disablement occurs from an occupational disease, in addition to other compensation, from five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), such amount to be used for medical service, hospitalization, and medicines.

February 25

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Occupational Disease - Compensation Exclusive Remedy - Amends present law and limits diseases to those set forth in Section 9 of this act.

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Occupational Disease - Increased Benefits - Amends present law by deleting that part requiring 60 days duration for payment of first 30 days, and increases from \$8,764 to \$9,311.75 the maximum payment for total disability. Increases from \$8,764 to \$9,311.75 the maximum benefits to dependents of an employee who dies as a result of occupational disease other than silicosis or asbestosis.

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Occupational Diseases - Funeral and Burial Benefits - Increases employee's funeral and burial expenses from \$125.00 to \$150.00.

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Supplemental Appropriation - Appropriation of twenty-thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) from the Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Fund, to the State Department of Agriculture, for the Division of Fruit and Vegetable Inspection, to be used for expenses of maintenance and operation to June 30, 1953.

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Appropriation - Loan to State Public School Fund - Appropriates \$500,000.00 from the general fund to the State Public School Fund as a loan, for the purpose of making the January, 1953, distribution of state funds under the classroom unit program.

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Production, Sale and Distribution of Agricultural Products - Changes definition of terms, name of head of the department to "commissioner" instead of "director" and adapts powers and duties of the director to said commissioner.

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Food and Food Products - Requires all fruits and vegetables sold to conform with the minimum standards of quality permitted to be sold in this state, and removes the limitation of fruits and vegetables grown solely within the state.

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Alcoholic Liquors - Prohibition Against Deliveries - Specifies certain holidays (New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, General Election Day, Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day) on which a manufacturer or wholesaler may not make any delivery of malt, vinous or spirituous liquors, besides Sundays.

> February 18 February 18

Excise Tax on Fermented Malt Beverages - Method of Collection - Amends the present law, providing payment of the annual license fee to the Department of Revenue instead of the State Treasurer, by manufacturers and wholesalers; deletes requirement of excise tax stamps to be purchased and placed on bottles and cartons; provides that a record be kept of all amounts sold and a report thereof be sent to the state along with the excise tax required herein - 3¢ per gallon; penalty for delinquency or violation. Refund to be made for unused stamps in possession of purchaser.

> May 31, 1953 February 21

Collection of Excise Tax on Malt Liquors - Amends present law by removing requirement of excise tax stamps on malt liquors; provides in lieu thereof a report to be made each month of the amount of malt liquor sold, and an excise tax to be remitted thereon at the rate provided by law. Refund of value of excise tax stamps in possession of purchaser to be made by the Department of Revenue.

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Appropriation - State Historical Society of Colorado -\$14, 313. 50.

> February 12 February 12

Revolving Fund - The State Board of Stock Inspection Commissioners may establish a \$1,000.00 fund to be used as prescribed.

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Mavericks and Branding Thereof - Amends present law by inserting definition of "maverick," and changing penalty provision in law.

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<u>Livestock</u> - <u>Brand Inspection</u> - Amends present law by eliminating the exemption from the head brand inspection tax of that stock being moved for temporary grazing Provides that it shall be unlawful for any railroad or other carrier purposes only. or person to transport any cattle, horses or mules until the same have been duly inspected; requires payment of tax before issuance of certificate; changes maximum penalty for violation from \$5,000 to \$500. Requires inspection of all cattle, horses or mules driven to any point within or without the state. Exemptions from the inspection law include thoroughbred horses, farm work horses, saddle horses, animals being transported to a licensed sales ring, transfer between ranges, and cattle being transported to a show or dispersal sale. March 26

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Butcherers and Slaughterers - Rewrites present law and sets forth the requirements for a butcher business, and provides for penalties to be paid for violations of the law. The law also prescribes certain requirements for non-bonded butchers and for persons killing for their own use, and provides penalties for any violation thereof.

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Brand Inspection - Buying and Weighing of Livestock - Repeals present law on same subject. Provides for inspection of cattle before weighing in at any market, and further provides a penalty for any violation of the law.

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Inspection and Transportation of Hides - Tax - Records - Amends present law by giving any authorized brand inspector power to refuse to write the hide inspection certificate where ownership is in doubt; increases from five cents to ten cents the tax for each hide inspected.

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Advertisement of Estrays - Amends present law by providing for a brand commissioner rather than the secretary of the board to cause publication concerning estrays; limits publication to one issue, both in the official livestock paper, and a paper of general circulation in county where the animals were taken up.

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Brand Inspection - Feed Yard - New law providing for inspection of cattle for brands, when purchased or moved from pasture, prior to placing said cattle in feed lots. Valid bill of sale must be shown on demand of brand inspectors.

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Veterans' Education and Training - Amends present law to include Public Law 550, 82nd Congress, 2nd Session, and to conform to the regulations therein as well as Public Law 346; provides law shall be effective until midnight, June 30, 1955.

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<u>Corporations</u> - Deletes that part of the present law that requires a foreign corporation to file a corporate certificate in the office of the recorder of deeds of the county in which such business is carried on.

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Excise Tax on Motor Fuel - Extends the increase of 2¢ per gallon in all motor fuel to midnite on December 31, 1953, and provides for the disposition of funds derived therefrom.

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July 1, 1953

Weights and Measures - New law providing for state standards of weights and measures and for the administration of the law by the state department of agriculture.

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Revenue and Taxation - 20% credit of net tax allowed as credit against income tax computed.

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Game and Fish - Amends present law by prohibiting use of certain live bait; violation constitutes a misdemeanor. Purpose of law is to protect waters of the state against further encroachment or infestation by rough, non-game fish.

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Game and Fish - License - Adds a proviso to the present law giving the Game and Fish Commission the authority, in its discretion, to permit multiple sale of any type of hunting license to persons qualified to purchase such licenses in the state.

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Pensioning certain classes of Public Employees After Retirement from Office - Amends present law by providing for certain service retirement benefits in the case of a person who becomes entitled to the benefits but remains in the service of any governmental subdivision covered by the act, and also certain benefits in case of disability.

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Pensions to Teachers - Amends law by adding a proviso permitting former teachers not employed on January 1, 1952, who re-enter teaching service, to qualify for benefits under Public Employees Retirement Association.

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Service of Civil Process on Non-Resident Motor Vehicle Operators - Amends present law by changing the language to say "within" the state, rather than "in" the state or "on such public highways".

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Prohibiting Changing of Serial Numbers on Farm Implements and Machinery - Penalty - New law prohibiting the destruction or defacing of manufacturer's numbers or motor numbers placed on heavy farm machinery having such numbers, and which is yet unused; prohibits selling or otherwise disposing of such equipment on which such numbers have been destroyed. Provides penalty for violation thereof.

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85 V Definition of "Folio." - Defines "folio" as used in the statutes to mean one hundred words, counting each figure as a word; 50 - 100 words constitute one folio; under 50 words not a folio unless the entire document contains less than 50 words.

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State Home for Dependent and Neglected Children - Changes name of The State Home for Dependent and Neglected Children to the Colorado State Children's Home; changes name of the Board of Control accordingly.

February 12 February 12

Appropriation - Deficiency to State Department of Agriculture - Division of Plant Industry - \$7,500.00.

March 13 March 13

Game and Fish - Stores Revolving Fund - \$250,000.00 appropriated from the Game Cash Fund to acquire stock for warehousing and distributing supplies to operating units of the Game and Fish Department.

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Game and Fish Commission - Appointment of Conservation Magazine Agents - Fees - Amends present law by authorizing the commission to designate an agent to sell a conservation magazine, and provides a fee for such agent based on annual subscription fees paid by the subscriber.

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Retirement - Public Employees - Amends present law by providing that any federal-state agreement or modification thereof made prior to January 1, 1954, may be made effective as of January 1, 1951, or as of the first day of any intervening calendar quarter.

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96 Salaries of Judges of Courts of Record - Increases the salary of judges of district courts from \$7,500.00 to \$9,000.00.

March 27 July 1, 1953

Authorizing Sale of Property - Property located in Fort Garland, Colorado, sold to private individuals by the State of Colorado, for \$250.00.

February 25 February 25

Revenue and Assessments - Amends present law by placing telegraph companies in a subsection separate from telephone companies, and provides that the annual statement of the respective companies shall be furnished to the state tax commission instead of

the state board of equalization. Also separates the telegraph companies from all others for the determination of assessments and gives the responsibility and authority formerly in the board of equalization to the state tax commission.

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 $\frac{\text{Salaries of Judges of the Supreme Court}}{\text{court from present scale}} \stackrel{\text{Supreme Court}}{=} \frac{\text{Court present Scale}}{\text{court from present scale}} \stackrel{\text{Supreme Court}}{=} - \text{Increases salaries of justices of the supreme court from present scale}$ 

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Education - Physically and Mentally Handicapped Children - Provides means of educating those children in the state who are orthopedically, aurally, or visually handicapped, cardiopathic or tuberculous, deficient in speech or who are otherwise physically or mentally handicapped. Repeals all former acts in conflict herewith.

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Motor Vehicles - Specific Ownership Tax - Present law is amended by changing the basis for the tax to 3% of 70% of 75% of complete delivered price. Said tax extended to apply to trailer coaches, too. Tax is to be determined by the Tax Commission and collected by the Department of Revenue, For a private car or other vehicle, after the 5th year the tax will be 3% of 15% of 75% of complete cost until the 10th year, after which the tax will be based on actual value, but in no case less than \$1.50 a year. The Department of Revenue is to supply county clerks with lists upon which values can be figured.

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111 <u>Conveyance of Real Property</u> - Conveys certain real property in Park county in exchange for certain other real property in Park county.

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114 Appropriation - Colorado Industries for the Blind - Home Industry Division - \$8,000.00.

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Motor Vehicles - Installment Selling and Financing - Amends present law by changing the list of businesses not required to have a license; provides that persons who acquire retail seller's interest in a contract where the amount of time price differential contracted to be paid by the retail buyer to the retail seller in connection with such purchase of a motor vehicle does not exceed 18% per annum simple interest, do not have to have a license. The section on penalties is amended to bar recovery of charges by the holder of the contract when he has violated the terms of this act.

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Agricultural Products - Grading and Marking of Containers of Potatoes - Establishes minimum potato grades and provides for marking of containers of potatoes. Repeals present law pertaining thereto.

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Funeral Homes and Mortuaries - Prohibits funeral homes or mortuaries from being owned or operated in a cemetery or mausoleum unless the cemetery or mausoleum and the funeral home or mortuary is listed for property assessment purposes.

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Funeral Contracts - Monuments - Memorials - Authorizes the Insurance Department to supervise, audit and examine funds derived from prepaid or prearranged funeral contracts; provides for requirement of bond to secure performance. Authorizes Insurance Commissioner to promulgate rules and regulations for enforcement of this law; provides for penalty for violation of the law. Insurance Commissioner may institute civil action or apply for injunctive relief.

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Motor Vehicles - Removal of Excess Loads - Present law is amended by making it mandatory rather than permissive for a police officer to have a vehicle weighed and any excess load removed, when such officer has reason to believe an excessive load is being carried by such motor vehicle.

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Unemployment Compensation - Raises unemployment maximum from \$21.75 to \$28.00; increases maximum wage credit from \$591.50 \$728.00; increases maximum charge against the account of any employer per completed calendar quarter from \$197.17 to \$242.67. Changes the employer's contribution rate table and adds a proviso that if the Federal Unemployment Tax rate is reduced below 3%, the maximum rate listed in the table shall not exceed 90% of the reduced Federal Unemployment Tax rate. Requires penalty for any delinquency in furnishing contribution reports required by law. Provides that any subject employer whose entire reserve account has been transferred to a successor employer shall immediately cease to be a subject employer and shall become so only upon his future employment experience. Changes definition of terms and provides for a redetermination of benefits upon filing another claim for those who filed under the old law.

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Unemployment Compensation - Amends present law concerning extended and increased benefits for unemployed by changing slightly the basis for computation; provides that an employer who does not furnish the department with reports shall be subject to a penalty of \$25.00. Provides that compensation earned by an employee which exceeds \$3,000.00 shall not be considered in determining the amount of contribution which has to be made to the fund on account of any such employee. Several changes made to conform with lettering changes.

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<u>Volunteer Fire Departments - Color of Vehicle Lights - Provides for use of red lights on vehicles owned and operated by members of volunteer fire departments. The law is permissive and not mandatory in operation.</u> Increases penalty for violation of the act.

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Fire Protection Districts - Indebtedness - Amends present law by changing the amount of bonded indebtedness allowed to be created to 1 1/2% of the assessed valuation of the district up to \$15,000.00 without submitting same to the voters. Any indebtedness in excess of \$15,000.00, however, is required to be submitted to the qualified taxpaying electors of the district.

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Pharmacy - Disposition of Penalties Recovered in Civil Court - Amends present law by providing that all fines assessed and collected under the pharmacy law shall be paid to the county treasurer of the county where the violation occurred, and shall be credited to the County General Fund. The old law required payment of said fines to the State Board of Pharmacy.

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Economic Poisons and Devises - Distribution, Sale and Transportation - Amends present law by changing the annual fee to be charged for each economic poison registered; the fee to be charged is five dollars each for the first ten brands, and two dollars for each additional brand registered.

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<u>Mortgages</u> <u>Upon Personal Property</u> - Amends present law by providing that the mortgage statement need not be filed with the Secretary of State; provides for disposition of all records heretofore filed with the Secretary of State.

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<u>Pharmacy</u> - <u>Poisons</u> - Amends present law by setting out a new list of poisons in two separate schedules, which poisons may be sold and packaged only in compliance with the present law.

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Pharmacy - Repeals that part of the pharmacy law that forbids the giving of a false name by a purchaser in the application for purchase of certain poisons, substances and liquids.

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Regulation of the Practice of Barbering - Increases from \$8.00 to \$16.00 the compensation for each member of the barber board for his services; increases from \$2.00 to \$3.00 the annual license fee; eliminates the requirement of doctor's certificate when applying for renewal of license; provides special consideration for barbers in service; increase from \$2.00 to \$3.00 the annual inspection fee for all shops and decreases from \$25.00 to \$16.00 the initial fee therefor; special provisions for barber shops or schools that are transferred to a new owner or to a different location.

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Compensation of Supreme Court Employees - Authorizes Supreme Court to fix amount of compensation to be paid its officers and employees, with the limitation of appropriation made by General Assembly.

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Detachment of Territory from Incorporated City or Town - Provides method and procedure for an owner to get his property detached from the incorporated city or town in which such property is situated; sets out method of payment of taxes or other indebtedness assessed while part of the city or town.

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Water and Sanitation Districts - Amends the present law by changing the definition of the term "sanitation district" and by adding a proviso to the definition of "taxpaying elector" specifying that payment of specific ownership tax on a motor vehicle in and of itself does not meet the requirements of said definition.

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Tuition of Pupils in Public Schools - Amends the present law by adjusting the cost to school districts for tuition of children to go to another district; the school board paying the tuition is given the right to appeal to the State Board of Education to determine the reasonableness of any tuition charge.

March 17

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Appropriation - General Cash Revolving Fund Established - \$10,000,000.

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June 30, 1953

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Unclaimed Trust Funds - Provides that moneys paid into the treasury of any county that belongs to a decedent or his heirs shall be placed in a trust fund for the rightful owner, but any money remaining in such fund for a period of six years shall be paid into the general fund of the county and rights of former owners are barred. Special proviso for funds presently held for five years on effective date of this act.

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Issuance of Motor Vehicle License Plates to Certain Veterans - Provides that no fee shall be charged for the registration of any motor vehicle owned by a veteran who has established his rights to benefits under Public Law 663, 79th Congress and Public Law 187, 82nd Congress. Limits such provision to one vehicle at a time. Repeals present law on the subject.

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Old Age Pensions - Amends present law by including many aged persons confined or maintained in state, county or municipal institutions under the constitutional provisions for old age benefits; law is not to disturb or be in derogation of classes of pensioners already established. No federal funds available to assist new class of pensioners. Will lower present pension amount.

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<u>Practice</u> of <u>Engineering</u> - <u>Regulations</u> - Sets forth requirements and qualifications to practice engineering in the state; creates State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, sets forth the terms of office, duties, powers and authority. Fees are established, provision is made for suspension or revocation of registration under certain conditions, and penalties provided for violation of the law.

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Banks and Banking - Amends present law in regard to certificates of incorporation by permitting less than \$100.00 par value on stock if so provided in the certificate; adds a proviso allowing existing corporations to conform with this law by amendment to its certificate of incorporation. Further amends present law in regard to ownership of stock by directors by requiring at least \$500.00 par value stock to be owned by a director in a bank with capital stock of \$30,000.00 or less and \$1,000.00 par value in a bank with a capital stock of more than \$30,000.00. Such stock must be unpledged and unencumbered.

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 $\overline{3 \text{ to } 6}$ , the three additional members to be appointed by the governor. The new members are entitled to compensation and expenses. The executive director of the State Department of Parole authorized to exercise the power of suspension of paroles in the interim of board meetings, and he shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the board or imposed by statute; authorizes director to appoint his assistant directors. Procedure for revocation of parole is changed considerably as to holding parolee and revoking his parole.

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<u>Legal Holidays</u> - Amends present law by deleting Lincoln's Birthday, Colorado Day, Columbus Day and Armistice Day as legal holidays for certain purposes, and provides that such days shall be considered holidays for other purposes; makes it optional for banks to close on such days.

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Teacher Tenure - General revision of present law, Salary of a teacher may be changed and even reduced if there is a general reduction in salaries of 50% or more of all teachers in the district; teachers may be transferred within the district. Employment contract of a teacher may be cancelled for incompetency, neglect of duty, immorality, insubordination or justifiable decrease in the number of teacher positions or other good cause. Written notice shall be given teacher with opportunity to be heard.

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Public Utilities Commission - Rehearing - Relates to the time within which an application must be made to the P.U.C. in order for the application to have the effect of staying an order made by the commission. Requires application for rehearing to be made within twenty days after the date of entry of the order or decision.

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Roads and Highways - New law provides that subsurface support of real property shall be deemed to be acquired therewith when taken by the state, unless the acquiring authority determines such subsurface support is unnecessary.

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Fraternal Benefit Societies - Amends present law by increasing the maximum amount of insurance that may be applied for from \$1,500.00 to \$5,000.00.

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Bonded Indebtedness Contracted by Cities and Towns - Amends present law by excepting from the time limitation for debts to run such debt as may be incurred in supplying a city or town with water or waterworks with a proviso that a bond issue for water or

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waterworks may mature over a thirty year period at the maximum.

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Schools and School Districts - Amends present law by changing the terms of office for the five member board of education of school districts; members elected biennially on the first Monday in May of each odd numbered year; six year overlapping terms.

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Banks and Banking - Amends present law by providing authority for the state bank commissioners to appoint such deputies, bank examiners, clerical, and stenographic assistants as necessary to perform efficiently the duties of his office.

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Fence Law - Prohibit Livestock on Public Highways - Amends present law by providing a new definition of what constitutes a lawful fence; establishes new circumstances under which an owner may recover for trespass by animals breaking through a lawful fence; changes penalties for violation of the law. Repeals certain sections relating to height of fences, definition of animals, repair and removal of partition fence.

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Practice of Pharmacy - Amends present law by changing requirements and fees in becoming a registered pharmacist; increases fee from \$10.00 to \$25.00 and requires person to be a resident of Colorado; permits registration without examination under certain conditions and upon payment of \$50.00 fee. Gives special credit for armed forces service in certain classes.

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Educational Institutions - Financing of Buildings - Authorizes governing board of any state educational institution to borrow money for constructing and equipping of housing facilities, dining facilities, and recreational facilities, pledging the net income derived therefrom to repayment of the loan. The state shall not be liable on any such loan.

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Fermented Malt Beverage - Adds a new section to the present law which new section makes it illegal to sell 3.2 beer to any person under 18, or for any person under 18 to possess or attempt to purchase same; illegal for person over 18 to purchase 3.2 beer for any one under 18. Fines and imprisonment imposed for violation of law. Cannot sell 3.2 beer to a visibly intoxicated person, or to a known habitual drunkard. Licensees must display sign to the effect hereinabove set forth.

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Malt, Vinous and Spirituous Liquors - New section added to the liquor code. It shall be illegal to sell whiskey, wine or beer to any person under 21, and no person under 21 shall possess or attempt to purchase same. Illegal to purchase for anyone under 21. Fines and imprisonment imposed upon violations hereof. Licenses must display a sign to this effect. Applies to any visibly intoxicated person or a known habitual drunkard.

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<u>District Judges - Sixth Judicial District - Increases from one to two the number of district judges for the sixth judicial district; provides for appointment by governor until next general election.</u>

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Toll Tunnel - Submission of Plan - Directs the state highway commission to submit to General Assembly a report showing the cost and economic benefits of a toll tunnel through the continental divide, together with the estimated cost of suitable approach roads.

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Appropriation - Payment of Expenses Incurred in Connection with the General Election Held November 4, 1952 - \$20,738.74.

March 6

June 4, 1953

Criminal Law - Psychiatric Examination - Sentence of Persons Convicted of Certain Crimes. - This is a new law providing for the punishment, treatment and rehabilitation of persons convicted of certain crimes. Sentence meted out may be a minimum of one day and a maximum of the natural life of the person convicted - term to be indeterminate. Every person given such a sentence shall be given a psychiatric examination and a written report thereof shall be given to the court. Board of Parole shall periodically review the file of all such persons convicted, and make such recommendation as it deems proper.

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Gift Taxes - Amends present law by fixing the date on or before which a return must be made as of April 15, following the close of the calendar year, instead of March 1, as under the present law; adds new section providing for temporary payment of taxes to be made any time after due date of the return and before tax is determined. Such payment stops running of interest.

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Taxation of Insurance Companies - Changes the departments that handle collection of taxes; Commissioner of Insurance receives the tax and remits same to the Department of Revenue; fines collected for delinquency paid to Department of Revenue.

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Prevention of Forest, Range and Prairie Fires - Makes it a misdemeanor to throw lighted cigarettes, cigars, tobacco, fire crackers or other burning substance, from a vehicle on a highway or road in the state; unlawful to build fire on privately owned land without owner's permission. Penalty provided.

March 12

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Conveyance of Real Property - Conveys certain property located in Denver to the City and County of Denver.

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Education - Financing of Public Schools - Amends present law by reducing from 6 mills to 4 1/4 mills the county levy; reduces required total general and special levy of a county or city and county consisting of one school district only from 14 to 11 1/4 mills. Reduces minimum district levies in a county or union high school district from 2 to 1 1/2 mills; in districts of 1st, 2nd, or 3rd class which are parts of county or union high school districts from 8 to 7 mills. Increases classroom unit from \$2,425.00 to \$2,500.00 and those served by teachers holding graduate certificates from \$2,625 to \$2,725.

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Desertion and Non-Support - Amends present law by providing that the district attorney, rather than the county attorney or city attorney, shall be notified of desertion and non-support proceedings, and he shall represent the plaintiff in further proceedings initiated in other states. Protects presently pending suits.

April 1

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Vibrio Research - Appropriation - \$15,000.00 to be used in activating a research program to investigate vibrionic abortion in sheep; provides method of taxation for repayment of money used to the state treasury. Sets up Vibrio Advisory Committee to control the spending of such appropriation.

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Credit Unions - Amends present law by increasing from 25% to 50% of its assets the borrowing capacity of a credit union; also permits a director, officer or member of the supervisory or credit committee to borrow from the credit union in which he holds office beyond the amount of his holdings in it, in shares and deposits, with the approval of both the credit committee and the board of directors.

March 31

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State Board of Education - Commissioner - Powers, Duties and Functions - Adds a new subsection to the present law authorizing the Commissioner of Education to handle all federal aid allotted to the state board of education for public schools, and to prescribe by regulations the condition under which any such aid shall be accepted and administered, he is empowered to make agreements, with the approval of the attorney general, as may be required as a condition precedent to receiving funds or other assistance.

April 1

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Salaries of Judges of Courts of Record - Establishes new salary of Judge of Juvenile Court in Denver at \$9,000.00 per year; County Judge of Denver, \$9,500.00 per year; County Judges of Group A, Class II counties, \$8,000.00 per year and Groups B, \$7,000.00 per year; County Judges in Group A, Class III counties, \$5,000.00 per year and Group B, \$4,100.00 per year; County Judges in Group A, Class IV counties, \$3,500.00 per year and Group B, \$3,000.00 per year.

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Municipal Corporations - Authorizes a municipal corporation to lease property for governmental purposes, and such lease may include an option to purchase. Terms of agreement shall be enacted by ordinance, and shall not be effective until 30 days after passage and publication. Methods of providing for rental payments are set forth. Such leased property shall be tax exempt and such agreements shall be enforceable in any court of competent jurisdiction.

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Soldiers' and Sailors' Home - Establishes a seven member Board of Commissioners for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home to operate and conduct the home at Homelake; qualification for admittance to the home is set forth, and a pay schedule is provided to assist in meeting the financial problems of the home. Provides for burial of persons in case of death, and prescribes the powers, duties and rights of the board in the operation of said home.

April 1

July 1, 1953

Water Priorities - Dating - Amends present law regarding priority dates by providing that in case of a prior decree, each priority adjudicated shall be junior and inferior to those theretofore adjudicated, and the decree shall so indicate as to each such junior priority which bears a date earlier than the latest priority date awarded in the last prior adjudication.

March 31

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Banks and Banking - Repeals section of the law relating to the transfer of stock subject to claims of bank.

April 2

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Sale of Intoxicating Liquors - License - Amends present law by providing that no application for a liquor license shall be received or acted upon concerning a location for which, within two years preceding, the licensing authority has disapproved a license on the grounds that licenses already granted for the particular locality were adequate for neighborhood requirements.

April 2

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Estates - Adds new provision to the law that when the owner of real estate dies or is adjudged a mental incompetent, the court may permit the spouse or minor children of such owner to remain in possession of such home without payment of rent for such term as the court deems just. Amends present law by increasing the widow's allowance from

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\$2,000.00 to \$3,500.00, which the court may apportion among the widow and minor step-children, if any. Increases allowance for wife of adjudged mental incompetent from \$2,000.00 to \$3,500.00.

March 31

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Agreements Concerning Wills - New law providing that an agreement to make a will must be proved by clear, satisfactory and convincing evidence. The fact that two or more wills were executed at or about the same time by different persons shall not of itself be any evidence that such wills were made in consideration of each other.

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Tax Deeds - Amends present law by providing that any tax deed acknowledged and recorded in the proper county shall be prima facie evidence, in addition to fact listed in the present law, that the deed was properly signed, acknowledged and delivered to the treasurer. Protects all deeds heretofore executed, unless an action is brought within six months after the effective date of this act to establish different results.

April 1

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Mortgage - Liens - Adds a new section to the present law providing that the term "thirty years" used in Section 123 of Chapter 40, 1935 C.S.A. shall mean thirty years after the original maturity date of said mortgage, trust deed or other instrument.

March 31

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Real Property - Transfer of Title - Title to certain property in the City and County of Denver is hereby transferred to the state highway commission.

March 27

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Practice of Veterinary Medicine, Surgery and Dentistry - Regulation - Creates State Board of Veterinary Medicine consisting of three members appointed by the governor for six year overlapping terms; requires license to practice. Requirements for license are set out. Fee is \$15.00, reciprocal fee, \$25.00. Penalties provided for violation of the act.

March 27

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Intoxicating Liquors - Deletes from the present law the provision stating that the principal business of a restaurant is the sale of meals.

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Intoxicating Liquors - Amends present law by permitting the sale of tobacco, tobacco products and smokers' supplies in retail liquor stores.

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<u>District Judges - Fourth Judicial District - Increases from two to three the number of district judges for the Fourth Judicial District; provides for governor to make appointment until next general election.</u>

March 27

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379 Soil Erosion - Special Assessment - Amends present law by providing that cultivation to accomplish erosion control must be started within three days following notice from the county commissioners; provided special assessment against owner of land treated, but places maximum of \$3.00 per acre total assessment.

March 24

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Conservation of Oil and Gas - Adds a proviso to the present law and provides that any spacing regulation made by the Commission shall apply to each individual pool separately and not to all units on a statewide basis; increases from 1 to 2 mills on each barrel

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of oil and every 50,000 cubic feet of natural gas produced the tax paid to the Department of Revenue each month for expenses of administration of this act.

April 1

Nursery Stock - Grades and Standards - Provides that it shall be unlawful to sell, deliver or transport any nursery stock, unless properly graded or labeled. Commissioner 384 of Agriculture supervises and inspects. Sets out minimum requirements for fruit trees sold. Penalties established for violation of act.

March 31

Duties of County Recorders - Adds a proviso to present law that the recorder shall maintain and keep at least one copy of all recorded instruments and writings affecting real estate in suitable books, legible, and indexed. Provides that one set of microfilm shall be made available to the public at all times to inspect by means of an enlarging lamp. Court may compel the production of any microfilm records in any proceeding.

March 31

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Estates and Fiduciaries - New law providing that no act of a fiduciary appointed by a court shall be invalid or adjudged to be void solely by reason of any order thereafter 395 entered revoking, annulling, or setting aside the appointment of such fiduciary, or by reason of revocation of probate of a will or by a finding of mental competency.

March 31

Extradition - Revises the law on fugitives and extradition of persons charged with crime. Makes the procedure uniform with regard to fugitives from another state and from this Provides duty of governor with respect to sending fugitives back to the state charging such person with a crime, form to be used therefor and investigation of such case. Authorizing arrest of the accused by peace officers. Sets forth the right of the accused person upon his arrest; allows bail to be posted under certain conditions, and provides for forfeiture thereof if person so bonded fails to appear according to the conditions of his bond. Rewards may be offered by the governor for apprehension of persons charged with murder, arson or kidnapping.

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Excise Tax on Motor Fuel - Amends the present law by combining the permanent 4¢ gas tax and the temporary 2¢ gas tax into a new permanent 6¢ per gallon gas tax. Exempts from tax deliveries to the United States in quantities of 300 gallons or more. Increases from 10 gallons to 20 gallons the amount of tax exempt gas that may be carried into the state in an ordinary gas tank. Refunds for destruction and non-highway use are greatly tightened. Increases from one to three years the length of time that books, records and invoices must be kept. Powers of inspection to demand the exhibition of permits, licenses, etc. are greatly increased. The tax on diesel fuel and liquid fuel is fixed at 6¢ per gallon, and the provisions of the special laws applicable thereto are incorporated in this law.

March 28

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Apportioning Money Received By Colorado From the United States - Amends present law in regard to distribution of money paid by the federal government as royalties in connec-442 tion with the federal oil leasing act by providing that all the money so received shall be received by the State Treasurer; for certain years the counties shall receive decreasing portions of these royalties; the remainder of the money going to the State Treasurer shall be used for support of the public schools.

April 1

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Taxes - Tax Sales - Certificates of Purchase - Treasurer's Deeds - New law providing that if mining claims are sold as a group, either by virtue of joint assessment or joint ownership for the nonpayment of taxes, after seven years from the date of said sale,

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the sale shall be considered valid and legal in all respects and shall not be questioned in any subsequent proceeding. Proviso added that this law does not apply to any action or proceeding now pending.

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Assessment of Property - Description on Tax Rolls - Amends present law by adding a proviso that in case of mining claims, in assessing two or more mining claims under one United States survey number, the assessor shall list separately on the assessment rolls the names of all claims included in any one patent.

April 1

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Architecture - Regulating Practice Thereof - Revision of the law pertaining to the 455 licensing of architects. Establishes a state board of examiners, to be appointed by the governor, and prescribes the rules and regulations by which the board is to abide. procedure for securing a license is set forth, along with the qualifications to be met. Fees are established for licenses and examinations. Provides penalty for practicing architecture without a license; defines terms necessary for clarity; provides for revocation of license under certain conditions. Protects architects in practice prior to the effective date of this law; provides for renewal of licenses on an annual basis.

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Brand Inspection - Buying and Weighing of Livestock - Amends H. B. 57 by deleting the words "moved or" in reference to inspection before weighing.

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Water Development - Authorizes Colorado Water Conservation Board to investigate water resources available from surface supplies on the western slope; requires written 457 report to be submitted to General Assembly; appropriates \$100,000.00 for the performance of said investigation.

March 27

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Revenue and Taxation - Oil Severance Tax - Adds a new section to the present law and imposes a tax upon that portion of the gross income of every person which is derived 458 from the production or extraction of crude oil, natural gas, or both crude oil and natural gas from petroleum deposits located within this state. The rate varies from Certain credits are allowed against the tax computed 2% to 5% depending on the income. Tax returns shall be separate and apart from other returns filed under the tax laws, and shall be due on or before the 15th day of the 4th month following the end of the taxable year. Requires withholding of royalties by producers. Tax classified as Director of Revspecial and limited in accordance with provisions of the constitution. enue to administer this law.

March 27

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Appropriation - State Board of Agriculture - \$20,000.00 for capital outlay expenditures 460 in connection with the bull testing program at Colorado A. & M.

April 3

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Revenue - Amends present law by providing that personal property shall be listed and 461 valued separate and apart from real property, and improvements may be listed separately; deletes that provision that land is to be listed and valued separate and apart from personal property and the improvements thereon.

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Appropriation - Civil Defense Agency - \$20,000.00. 464

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Appropriation - Public School Finances - \$11,725,000.00. 465

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Appropriation - Colorado Water Conservation Board - To Conduct Special Investigation and Survey of Water Uses Within Rio Grande Basin - \$10,000.00.

April 3

Taxation - One dollar tax levied on each and every civil action filed in the office of each clerk of the district and county courts of the state. Such tax shall be used for reimbursing the general fund for an appropriation made by Chapter 5, Session Laws of Colorado, 1952.

March 26

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Royalties on Coal Mined In Colorado - Amends the present law by providing a minimum royalty of five cents for every ton of coal mined from public lands for the purpose of the production of chemicals, synthetic fuels and development of power, unless such production was less than 250,000 tons, in which case the royalty is 15¢ per ton. Such coal cannot be sold on open market.

April 2

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Appropriation - State Home and Training School at Ridge - \$26,000.00.

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Appropriation - State Tax Commission - Review of Valuation Statements Filed by Public Utilities - \$3,000.00. 473

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State Board of Equalization - Review of Reappraisal - Appropriation - Authorizes the State Board of Equalization to employ an examiner to review and make a thorough study of the reappraisal program completed by the Tax Commission, with particular emphasis on the assessed valuation fixed under said program of property owned by public utilities Report to be submitted to Tax Commission and Thirty-ninth General Assembly at the Second Regular Session. Appropriation of \$3,000.00 made to secure services needed.

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Appropriation - Supplemental - Civil Service Commission - \$20,000.00.

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Transfer of Money from the Capitol Building Fund - Acquisition of Lands and Building - Appropriation - Transfers \$500,000.00 from the Capitol Building Fund to the Building 480 Fund of the State Home and Training School at Ridge; transfers \$250,000.00 from the Capitol Building Fund to the Department of Revenue Special Building Fund. Funds to be used for construction, equipping and furnishing of buildings at Ridge; that transferred to the Department of Revenue to be used for purpose of purchase of property in Denver.

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Colorado State Hospital - Commitment of Persons Under 16 - Amends present law by 482 adding a proviso that no mentally deficient person under the age of 16 years shall be committed by any court to the Colorado State Hospital.

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Long Appropriation Bill - Expenses of Executives - Legislative and Judicial Departments, State Institutions, Additional Expenses of Thirty-ninth General Assembly - \$19,647,887.64 from the General Fund and \$7,674,060.20 from cash funds. 483

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## Senate Bills

Wills and Estates - Amends present law by specifically barring claims of the State of Colorado and all subdivisions, departments, agencies and institutions thereof, unless filed within the six month limitation; not applicable to tax liens against specific property or to inheritance taxes.

March 31

Education - Financing of Public Schools - Amends present law by authorizing teacher training schools to participate in the public school finance act of 1952, on the same basis as any other public school within the district. Permits teacher training schools to charge tuition on the same basis as other public schools within the district where training school is located.

April 18

## House Bills

Probation Officers - Appointment - Amends present law by adding a proviso setting a minimum salary of \$4,200 for any probation officer appointed to serve the entire judicial district.

April 18

State Forestry - Assistance May Be Summoned - Authorizes the State Forester or his agent to summon men to assist in suppressing forest, range or prairie fires. Provides for compensation to be paid for services actually rendered or time actually spent in obedience of such summons. Failure to obey such summons constitutes a misdemeanor and a penalty therefor.

March 13

Salaries of Certain Employees Not Under Civil Service - Suspends statutory salaries of certain employees of the state who are not under civil service. Suspension to last until June 30, 1955. This act also appropriates \$100,048.00 to institutions of higher learning for salaries of non-civil service employees at such institutions.

April 3

226 Industrial Banks - Prohibits any industrial bank from conducting its business on the same premises with any other person, firm, corporation or other association engaged in the business of lending money. Prohibits further incorporation of industrial banks under present law.

April 18

246 Appropriation - Beecher Island Battle Memorial Association - \$250.00.

March 12

Small Loans - New small loan act cited as the "Colorado Consumer Finance Act." to be administered by the State Bank Commissioner.

April 3

367 <u>Intoxicating Liquors</u> - Amends present law by deleting that part requiring liquor to be served only where meals are served and only with meals in a hotel or restaurant.

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