

legislation with respect to any further matter within its jurisdiction as it deems wise or necessary in the public interest, and may draft or cause to be drafted such bills or acts as it may deem necessary or proper to enact into law the legislation recommended by it.

1910, ch. 180, sec. 21 (p. 363).

433. The commission shall prescribe the form of the annual reports required under this sub-title to be made by common carriers, railroads, street railroads, railroad corporations and street railroad corporations, and all other corporations subject to the provisions of this sub-title, and may from time to time make such changes therein and additions thereto as it may deem proper; provided, however, that if any such changes or additions require any alteration in the method or form of keeping the accounts of such corporation, the commission shall give to them at least six months' notice before the expiration of any fiscal year of any such changes or additions, and on or before June 30th, in each year, shall furnish a blank form for such report. The contents of such report, and the form thereof, shall conform as nearly as possible to that required of common carriers under the provisions of the act of congress entitled "An Act to Regulate Commerce," approved February fourth, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, and the act amendatory thereof approved June twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and six, and other amendments thereto. The commission may require such report to contain information in relation to rates or regulations concerning fares or freights, agreements or contracts affecting the same, so far as such rates or regulations pertain to transportation within the State. When the report of any person or corporation is defective, or believed to be erroneous, the commission shall notify it to amend the same within a time prescribed by the commission. The originals of the reports, subscribed and sworn to as prescribed by law, shall be preserved in the office of the commission. The commission may also require common carriers to file periodically reports of earnings and expenses within a specified time. The commission may require of all common carriers specific answers to questions upon which the commission may need information. The annual report required to be filed by a common carrier shall be so filed on or before the thirtieth day of September in each year. The commission may extend the time for making and filing such report for a period not exceeding sixty days. If such common carrier shall fail to make and file the annual report within the time above specified, or within the time as extended by the commission, or shall fail to make specific answer to any question, or shall fail to make the periodic reports when required by the commission as herein provided, within thirty days from the time when it is required to make and file any such report or answer, such common carrier shall forfeit to the State the sum of one hundred dollars for each and every day it shall continue to be in default with respect to such report or answer. Such forfeiture shall be recovered in an action brought by the commission