

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the people
of the State of Illinois represented
in the General Assembly, That the
Auditor of Public Accounts, Treasurer
and Secretary of State be and if
they are hereby created and constitu-
ted a Board of Auditors to audit
settle and adjust the claims and
accounts of all such contractors
who have been engaged upon the
public works of the State of
Illinois, and whose accounts
have not been passed upon or
rejected.

Sec. 2. Said Board shall be
confined to such claims only as
shall be based upon estimates
made upon contracts entered
into in accordance with law
and shall have power to order
a reestimate where injustice shall
appear to be done either to the
State or individual, to examine
witnesses upon oath having power
to administer oaths or affirmations
to such witnesses, and to do all
things necessary to ascertain and
audit at the amount justly due
and owing from the State to
such contractor or contractors.

Sec. 3. When the Board shall be
advised and settle down upon the
amount due, in justice and equity,
for work done under contract they
shall draw a draft or drafts for
the same upon the Fund Commissioners
bearing interest at the rate
of six per cent per annum from
the date thereof until paid, which
drafts may be drawn in any sum
not less than fifty dollars -

Provided, That in case the sum
found due be less than fifty
dollars a draft may be drawn
for the amount due to such in-
dividual or individuals -

Provided further, That no account
or estimate, for work done on
any public work after the passage
of this act, shall be audited
or passed upon by said Board.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of
said Board to keep a full
record of all their proceedings,
and in drawing drafts the same
shall be numbered, shewing to whom
drawn, the particular work, amount
and date; All accounts, receipts,
vouchers and certificates examined

and adjusted by them shall be carefully filed and preserved, and they shall make such reports on the business assigned them as will enable the Governor from time to time to report to the legislature the true and accurate amount allowed and awarded and the proceedings of said Board specially.

Sec. 5. Said Board of Audit shall not be authorized to issue certificates of indebtedness to an amount above one hundred thousand dollars under the provisions of this act.

Sec. 6. That said Board are hereby authorized and required to examine the estimates of work done on the central rail road near Peru by Michael Kennedy, and if they believe said estimates made in conformity to the law they shall issue drafts on the Land Commissioner in favor of said Kennedy in sums not less than one thousand dollars with six per cent interest from date till paid for the amount of such estimates.

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of Auditors to
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of Contractors
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