

tude of the pillars aforesaid, reckoning the latter from the meridian of Washington, and to have the same marked distinctly and legibly in degrees, minutes, seconds and parts of seconds, on one of the pillars aforesaid.

An. Code, sec. 83. 1904, sec. 82. 1888, sec. 78. 1870, ch. 359, sec. 2.

137. The said county commissioners shall provide and keep a standard measure of one rod in length, by which surveyors of lands in said county may compare, test and verify their several chains, the said standard measure to be kept under the control and in the custody of the county clerk, and to be accessible to all surveyors as aforesaid under such restrictions and regulations as may be deemed by the said county commissioners compatible with its safety and proper preservation.

An. Code, sec. 84. 1904, sec. 83. 1888, sec. 79. 1870, ch. 359, sec. 3.

138. It shall be the duty of each and every surveyor surveying land in any county of this State that shall adopt the provisions of the two preceding sections to test and note the actual variation of his compass from the aforesaid true meridian line at least once in every year, and to deposit a copy of the same, with the date and time of such test, accompanying the same with an affidavit verifying its correctness, with the clerk of the county in which he may reside, to be by him recorded in a book kept for that purpose, and every surveyor neglecting or refusing to comply with the provisions of this section shall be liable to a penalty of fifty dollars, to be recovered with costs as debts of like character are recovered before any justice of the peace in the county, to be applied to such county uses as the county commissioners may direct.

An. Code, sec. 85. 1904, sec. 84. 1888, sec. 80. 1870, ch. 359, sec. 4.

139. For recording each certificate of variations and affidavits of the correctness of the same appended, and for copies or abstracts of the same and for drawing certificate and seal therefor, the county clerk shall be allowed the same fees as are now allowed by law for similar services in regard to matters of record in his office, the said fees to be paid by the parties presenting the same for record or demanding abstracts or copies as aforesaid.

An. Code, sec. 86. 1904, sec. 85. 1888, sec. 81. 1870, ch. 359, sec. 5.

140. Any person or persons who shall wilfully erase, deface, displace, or otherwise injure said pillars, or any part thereof, or destroy, break down or carry away the enclosure aforesaid, or any lock, bolt, bar, or any part thereof, shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars.

An. Code, sec. 87. 1904, sec. 86. 1888, sec. 82. 1870, ch. 359, sec. 6.

141. The commissioners of any county adopting the provisions of sections 136 and 137 are hereby authorized to provide for the payment of the costs of carrying out their provisions in the same manner that other county expenses are paid.