

deem necessary; and all such provision heretofore made in procuring fire apparatus for said county, and the cost and expense thereof, be and the same are hereby ratified and approved.

How estab-  
lished.

SEC. 2. *And be it also enacted*, That in establishing said department they shall provide all such proper fire engines and instruments, with sufficient equipment necessary therefor, to be used for the preservation of property in said districts as aforesaid, with full power and authority also to employ and dismiss at pleasure all officers and employees necessary, in their judgment, to serve and use such fire apparatus for its intended purposes; and further, also, to ordain all needful rules and regulations for the proper conduct of such officers and employees and penalties for the infraction thereof.

Rules and reg-  
ulations.

Investigate  
cause of fire.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That said County Commissioners shall devolve upon any person or persons they may select full power to investigate the cause or causes of any and all fires that may happen in said county, whenever they deem such investigation expedient or necessary; and such person or persons, charged by them with such inquiries, shall have power to summon and compel the attendance of all necessary witnesses, and to direct them to produce all necessary books and papers; that every such summons shall be directed to the sheriff of said county, who is hereby required to serve the same as other writs of like nature, and he shall be entitled to have and demand like fees as are now allowed for similar writs; and all persons refusing to obey such summons, so served, shall be fined five dollars for the first refusal, such fine to be recovered as all fines or penalties are recovered, and on any other or further refusal they shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and be punished, after conviction, under an indictment for such offence in the Circuit Court of said county by said court; and said court shall order the person so convicted to be imprisoned in the county jail of said county for not less than six months nor more than twelve months; and it shall be the duty of the State's Attorney of said county duly to prosecute all persons so offending, or offending in any manner aforesaid against any of the hereinafter provisions of this act, as in case of all other crimes and misdemeanors.

Penalty for  
refusing to  
obey summons