

said County Commissioners on or before the 15th day of January, 1907; their successors shall biennially thereafter on or before the 15th day of January make said examination of its accounts and reports and file the same with the said County Commissioners for the period of two years immediately following the period covered by their predecessors.

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SEC. 6. The said auditors shall also make out for publication in two of the newspapers of the county representing the two leading political parties of the county such a report of their investigation and such audits and accounts as in their judgment they may deem advisable, and have the same published for the benefit of the taxpayers of the county.

Report of  
investigation  
to be  
published.

SEC. 7. The said auditors are hereby authorized and empowered to require the production before them of the books, accounts and papers of the said County Commissioners, and to examine upon oath administered by them, or either of them, any County Commissioner of said county on any matter touching the affairs of the said County Commissioners, or to examine upon oath administered by them, or either of them, any other person as a witness whom they may be advised has important information in regard to the conduct and acts of said County Commissioner, or any of them, in matters pertaining to their office. They shall have power to issue process compelling such witness to attend before them, which shall be directed to the sheriff of Washington county, and it shall be the duty of said sheriff to serve such process promptly, and the costs of same shall be paid by the said County Commissioners; and any commissioner who shall refuse to allow an examination of all the books and accounts of their office, and any witness duly served with process as aforesaid, who shall refuse to answer upon oath touching the conduct or acts of said County Commissioners, or as to the books, accounts and papers of said office, shall on indictment and conviction thereof be fined not less than one hundred nor more than five hundred dollars, in the discretion of the court; provided, however, that the examination of all such books, accounts and papers shall be made in the office of said County Commissioners.

Authority to  
require the  
county com-  
missioners  
to produce  
books, etc.

Penalty.

SEC. 8. The said County Commissioners are hereby directed and authorized in their levy for taxes made in 1907 to include therein a sum not to exceed five hundred