

section 59, and to be known as sections 59 A and 59 B, and to read as follows :

59 A. If shall be unlawful for any person or persons to wilfully connect or disconnect any electrical conductors belonging to any company using or engaged in the manufacture and supply of electric currents for purposes of light, heat and power, or either of them, or to make any connection with any such electrical conductors for the purpose of using or wasting the electric current, or to in any wise tamper with any meter used to register current consumed, or to interfere with the operation of any dynamo or other electrical appliance of such company, or to tamper with or interfere with the poles, wires or conduits used by such companies, unless such person or persons shall be duly authorized by or be in the employ of such company ; provided, that nothing in this Act shall in any way interfere with any lawful supervision and control of electric light and power companies, their electric conductors, appliances, machinery and poles by the municipality within which such companies are doing business, or by the officers of such municipality, nor shall anything in this Act interfere with any right now existing in the councils of any municipality to pass ordinances relating to and regulating such electric light and power companies.

Unlawful to connect or tamper with electric current.

59 B. Any person or persons found guilty of a violation of any of the provisions of the preceding section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction thereof, be imprisoned not exceeding six months or fined not exceeding five hundred dollars, or both or either, at the discretion of the court.

Guilty of misdemeanor.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Effective

Approved April 9, 1898.

CHAPTER 401.

AN ACT to appropriate a sum of money to pay the Treasurer of the State Board of Education the amount of sundry bill paid by him for repairs to the State Normal School Building.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Comptroller of the Treasury be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue his warrant upon the Treasurer of Maryland to pay the treasurer of the State Board of Educa-