

**Bounty Law, Computation of Time—Holidays.**

Under the provisions of Section 3072, Political Code, as amended by Chapter 49, Laws 1905, respecting time for inspection of skins by a county inspector, it is my opinion that he is only authorized to examine skins or issue bounty certificates on the first three days of each month, unless the last of the first three days of the month falls upon a holiday, and that in that event the inspector may legally act upon the day following. But where the first day is a holiday, or the second day is a holiday, no exception to the provisions of the law is made.

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State Board of Examiners, Helena, Montana.

Gentlemen:—I am in receipt of your request for an opinion upon the following question, viz: Under the state bounty law (Chapter 49 Laws 1905) how should a bounty inspector compute time where Sunday or a legal holiday falls on one of the first three days of the month

In answer I give you the following as my opinion:

The provisions of Section 3072, Political Code, as amended by Chapter 49, Laws 1905, upon this subject are very specific and seem to require strict construction, for it is there provided

“The bounty inspector is not authorized to examine any skin, or issue any certificate, except on the first three days of each month, and any

examination made by him, or certificate issued, on any other day is void.”

Independent of other provisions in the law, bounty inspectors would be held to strict compliance with the provisions above quoted. However, “whenever any act of a secular nature, other than a work of necessity or mercy is appointed, by law or contract, to be performed upon a particular day, which day falls upon a holiday, it may be performed upon the next business day, with the same effect as if it had been performed upon the day appointed.”

Therefore, it is my opinion that the bounty inspector is only authorized to examine skins or issue bounty certificates on the first three days of each month, unless the last of the first three days of the month falls upon a holiday, and that in that event the inspector may legally act upon the day following. But where the first day is a holiday, or the second day is a holiday, no exception to the provision of the law is made.

Yours very truly,

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