

CHAPTER 221.

H. F. No. 327.

An act to provide for dedicating land for a road or cartway.

Roads and cartways.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That whenever one or more owners of land in this state shall wish to dedicate any land, to which such owner or owners has title, for the purpose of a public road or a public cartway, such owner or owners may make application therefor in writing to the supervisors of the town in which such public road or public cartway is desired. Said application shall set forth a description of the land desired to be dedicated as a public road or public cartway. Said application shall be filed in the office of the town clerk of the town in which the land which is desired to be dedicated is situated. And at the next meeting of said supervisors occurring [not] more than ten (10) days after the filing of said application with said town clerk, said supervisors may make an order declaring the land which is described in said application to be a public road or public cartway, and when so declared such lands shall be deemed as so dedicated and no damages shall be assessed therefor, and upon the making of said order said land shall be deemed to be a public road or public cartway for public use.

Dedication of land for proceedings.

Provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to in any manner repeal or modify any law by which a road or cartway may now be dedicated to the public.

Not to repeal any existing law.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 14, 1899.

CHAPTER 222.

H. F. No. 195.

An act requiring the railroads to build platforms to facilitate the loading of grain, live stock and other commodities into cars for shipment.

Railroad companies.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Must build
platforms at
stations when
ordered by rail-
way and
warehouse
commission,
for loading
and unloading
live stock.

SECTION 1. Whenever the railroad and warehouse commission deem it necessary for the accommodation of the shippers of grain, live stock or any other commodity that any railroad company operating a line of railroad in this state should erect and maintain a platform at any station or siding upon the line of such railroad in the State of Minnesota, for the purpose of facilitating the loading of any of the above named articles, or commodities into cars for shipment or upon the petition of any shipper of grain, live stock or any other commodity or product from any station or siding on the lines of such railroad, alleging that it is necessary for the accommodation of the shippers of grain, live stock or any other commodities or products, that the railroad company operating said railroad maintain at the siding or station named in the petition, a platform for the loading into cars for shipment of any of the articles, commodities or products named in this act, or any other articles, products or commodities, it shall be the duty of the said railroad and warehouse commission to fix a time and place for hearing and order said railroad company to appear and show why it should not construct and maintain such platform at the station or siding deemed necessary by the commission or named in the petition as the case may be. Such order may be served upon any officer or station agent of said railroad company at least ten (10) days before the day fixed for hearing.

Time and
place of hear-
ing on same.

Hearing; order
for same, etc.

SEC. 2. If, after hearing, the railroad company required to appear by said order, the petitioner and all other interested parties who appear and desire to be heard at the time and place fixed by the order, or at such other time to which the said commission shall adjourn the hearing, the commission finds that it is necessary for the convenience of shippers that a platform be maintained at the station or siding named in the order of the commission, it shall make its order requiring the said railroad company to within sixty (60) days from the date of the service of said order on it to erect and thereafter during the continuance of the necessity therefor, maintain at such siding or station, a platform of such dimensions and constructed of such material and in such manner, and at such place as said commission shall find necessary, and designate by such order for loading grain, live stock or other products or commodities into cars for shipment. The said railroad and warehouse commission shall have power to order the enlargement of any platform erected under the provisions of this act or order additional platforms at any station or siding, whenever in their judgment the loading platforms at such stations or sidings are insufficient to accommodate the public.

SEC. 3. Any railroad company which shall fail to erect and maintain any platform ordered to be erected by the railroad and warehouse commission within the time provided in the order of such commission, shall be liable to a penalty of twenty-five (25) dollars for each and every day the said platform remains unconstructed after the expiration of the time fixed by order of the said commission for its construction, said penalty to be recovered by an action brought by the attorney general in the name of the state, and all money collected as penalties under the provisions of this act, shall be paid to the state treasurer and credited to the general fund.

Failure of
railway com-
pany to com-
ply; penalty.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 14, 1899.

CHAPTER 223.

H. F. No. 568.

An act to authorize and empower villages under certain circumstances to issue bonds for the payment of their outstanding indebtedness.

Village bonds.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That any village in this state, whose indebtedness at the time of the passage and approval of this act exceeds the sum of three thousand (3,000) dollars besides its bonded indebtedness, may issue its bonds for an amount as nearly as may be equal to the amount of such indebtedness, which bonds shall bear interest at a rate to be determined by the village council of said village, not to exceed the rate of seven (7) per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and shall mature at such time as shall be determined by said village council, not to exceed fifteen years from the date of their issuance. Such bonds shall be sold by the village council of such village in such manner as they shall deem advisable, but shall not be sold for less than their par value, and the proceeds arising from the sale thereof shall be applied to the payment of the debts of said village not represented by its bonds.

Empowered
to issue bonds
to pay existing
indebtedness.

Bonds to bear
interest not
exceeding 7
per cent.

SEC. 2. Before any bonds shall be issued pursuant to the provisions of section one (1) of this act, the village council shall, by resolution, authorize the issuance thereof, subject to the approval of the legal voters of said

To be issued
subject to ap-
proval of
legal voters.