

pointments, all such acts and proceedings are hereby legalized and made of full force and effect.

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

Approved April 18, 1899.

CHAPTER 277.

H. F. No. 85.

An act relating to mechanics' liens, and defining the duties of contractors before becoming entitled to lien, or to bring action to recover the amount due under contract.

Mechanics' liens.

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

SECTION 1. Every person who shall perform work, or furnish material for the erection, construction, alteration or repair of any vessel or other water craft, or for the erection, alteration, repair or removal of any house, mill, manufactory or other building or appurtenance, by virtue of a contract with, or at the instance of, the owner thereof, or his agent or trustee, shall, if demanded through a written notice referring to this act, by the owner, his agent or trustee, furnish a full statement of all amounts due from him for labor performed upon such building or other structure, giving the name and place of residence of each person to whom such amount may be due, if such place of residence is known to such contractor, and the amount due to each such person, and of all amounts owing by him for materials furnished therefor, with the name and address of each person, if such address is known to such contractor, to whom any such sum may be due, and all claims which might be or become liens upon the said property, which statement shall be verified by oath, and no such contractor shall be entitled to file any statement or lien under such contract, nor to commence any action for the recovery of the amount due him on account of any such contract, or any part thereof, until ten (10) days after such statement had been furnished by such contractor; *provided*, that such statement is demanded on or before fifteen days after date of completion of contract or delivery of materials.

Contractor to furnish statement when demanded by owner 15 days after work done.

Contractor not to maintain suit until 10 days after such statement.

The owner of the property to be affected by such claims shall have the right to pay to the person so shown to be entitled thereto, or to his assigns or personal representatives, any such amount so due to him, and to retain and deduct the said amount from the amount due or to be-

Owner may pay according to such statement.

come due to said contractor, and any and all amounts so paid by him shall be deemed a payment to such contractor.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after September first (1st), eighteen hundred and ninety-nine (1899).

Approved April 18, 1899.

H. F. No. 655.

CHAPTER 278.

John B. Culver and Sidney Luce, appropriation for relief of.

An act to appropriate money for the relief of John B. Culver and Sidney Luce and to reimburse them severally for moneys expended by them as commissioners of the State of Minnesota in the matter of the harbor system at the head of Lake Superior.

Whereas, John B. Culver and Sidney Luce were duly appointed commissioners for the State of Minnesota for the purpose of settling the controversy then existing and the suit then pending in the supreme court of the United States between the State of Minnesota and the State of Wisconsin over the harbor system at the head of Lake Superior, in which matter said commissioners rendered to the State of Minnesota great and valuable services; and,

Whereas, said commissioners in the execution of said commission went to the City of Washington, D. C., and expended considerable sums of their own money on account of their personal expenses incurred in said matter; and,

Whereas, neither of said commissioners has ever been reimbursed by the State of Minnesota, or otherwise, for the amounts so expended by them; therefore,

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

\$500 appropriated to compensate them for expenses as commissioners in Lake Superior harbor system.

SECTION 1. That the sum of five hundred (500) dollars shall be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to reimburse said commissioners for the moneys so expended by them respectively in said matter; that said Sidney Luce, or his personal representatives, shall receive the sum of two hundred and fifty (250) dollars of said amount and Charles W. Culver, as executor of the estate of John B. Culver, deceased, shall receive the sum of two hundred and fifty (250) dollars of said amount.