

CHAPTER XXXVI.

March 2, 1868.

An Act to Regulate Mining upon the Public Lands of the United States, within the State of Minnesota.

- SECTION 1.** Miners may meet and form Mining District, pass rules and regulations, &c. May elect Recorder. Defines what constitutes a mining claim: Claimants must be occupants.
2. Rules of such mining district to be taken as evidence in any court in the State.
 3. Defines the meaning of the terms "mines" and "mining claims."
 4. Majority of miners present at a meeting may alter or amend rules.
 5. When Act to take effect.

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

Miners may make certain rules or regulations.

SECTION 1. The miners and inhabitants of any section of this State in which there may be mines of gold, silver, or other metals, upon the public lands of the United States for which patents have not been issued, may meet and form a mining district, not to exceed in extent five miles square, fix the boundaries, adopt a name, and pass such rules and regulations for such districts as may be deemed by them necessary for the location, holding, recording and working of mines or mining claims upon such public lands of the United States within such district. They may also elect a recorder for said district, and provide his qualifications, duties, fees and liabilities. *Provided,* That no such mining claim shall exceed in extent two hundred feet square. *And provided further,* That no such mining claim shall be made except by actual occupancy.

Regulations to be received as evidences.

SEC. 2. On the trial of any action in any court of this State involving the right to or the possession of any such mine or mining claim, or involving any right growing out of any such mine or mining claim, the rules and regulations so adopted in said district, or authenticated copies thereof, may be given in evidence, and so far as applicable shall govern the case.

SEC. 3. The terms "mines" and "mining claims," as used in the preceding sections, shall be construed to embrace all water rights, ditches, flumes, timber claimed, or other interest appurtenant, necessary or auxiliary to a mine or mining claim, or the working thereof. Defines meaning of mines, &c.

SEC. 4. The majority of the miners of such mining district, attending at a meeting, upon reasonable notice, may at any time change, alter, amend or repeal any of such rules and regulations previously adopted. A majority may alter, &c.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 2, 1866.

CHAPTER XXXVII

An Act to amend an act entitled "An Act to Provide for the Organization of Agricultural Societies." March 2, 1866.

SECTION 1. Amends section four of Chapter Seventeen of General Laws.

2. When Act to take effect.

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

SECTION 1. That section four of chapter seventeen of the general laws of Minnesota be amended so as to read as follows: Each county Agricultural Society shall hold, at such place and at such time as the officers of said society may determine, an annual meeting for the election of officers. County agricultural societies to hold meetings.

SEC. 2. This act to be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 2, 1866.