

## CHAPTER XXVIII.

*An Act to promote Immigration.*

February 26, '87

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

**SECTION 1.** There is hereby created a board of immigration, which shall consist of three members, one of which is to be appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate.

**SEC. 2.** The governor and secretary of state shall be ex officio members of this board, and it shall be its duty to do everything which may enhance and encourage immigration to our state.

**SEC. 3.** The members of this board shall, if deemed advisable and proper for the encouragement of immigration, engage suitable correspondents, publish or cause to be published, pamphlets, guide books, and articles treating on, and describing in a true light, the developed and undeveloped resources of the state of Minnesota; and to distribute them in such localities, wherever, in their opinion, they may be useful, beneficial and of good for the promotion of immigration to our state.

**SEC. 4.** Whenever deemed expedient and proper, the said board shall also have power to appoint agents for the purpose of aiding, protecting and advising the emigrant on his way to this state, and such agents shall act solely under the instruction of the board of immigration, which board shall also fix and allow compensation for their services, to be paid out of the fund created as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 5. Ten thousand dollars are hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the use of the board of immigration, and to be expended by them as they may think best and expedient for the interest of immigration to the state of Minnesota. Appropriation

SEC. 6. The board of immigration is furthermore authorized and shall have power to open books and invite and solicit contributions and endowment of money from corporations, manufacturers, merchants and all persons who are immediately and directly benefited by the flow of immigration, which money so contributed shall also be under the control of and expended by the board for the interest and purposes stated in the preceding section. Books to be opened

SEC. 7. The fund so created shall be called "immigration fund," and shall remain in the state treasury, subject to the order of the board. Immigrati'n fund

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of said board to make reports of their labors and proceedings to the state legislature, accompanied by such references, suggestions and statistics as may furnish good and reliable data, and a proper basis for future legislation on the subject of immigration. To report

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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