

half into the treasury of the county where such conviction takes place, for the use of the common schools within such county.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, March 1, 1867.

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## CHAPTER XL.

March 5, 1867 *An Act to prevent the draining of lakes, ponds or bodies of water.*

SECTION 1.—Prevents drainage of lakes, etc.

2.—Penalty for violating law.

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

Prevents drain-  
age.

SECTION 1. No person or persons shall drain or attempt to drain any lake, pond or body of water in this state which has been meandered, and metes and bounds established by the government of the United States in the survey of the public lands.

Penalty.

SEC. 2. Any person or persons who shall drain or cause to be drained, or shall attempt to drain in any manner, any lake or lakes, pond or bodies of water which shall have been meandered by the survey of the United States government, shall be considered guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine not less than twenty-five dollars, and not exceeding five thousand dollars, and shall be also liable in a civil action for all damages sustained by private individuals by reason of such draining or attempting to drain any of the lakes, ponds or bodies of water aforesaid: *Provided*, That the provisions of this act shall not prevent the reasonable use of said lakes, ponds or bodies of

water as reservoirs for the benefit of any kind of milling or manufacturing establishment or for the purpose of driving logs, or for supplying any incorporated town or city with water.

Approved March 5, 1867.

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CHAPTER XLI.

*An Act to amend section five of chapter twenty of the Revised Statutes of Minnesota, relating to the preservation of game.* March 9, 1867.

SECTION 1.--Amends section 5 of chapter 20 of revised statutes.

2.--When act shall take effect.

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

SECTION 1. That section five of chapter twenty of the revised statutes be amended by inserting "and West Chain Lakes in Martin county" after the word "Superior" in the sixth line. Amendment.

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

Approved March 9, 1867.