

a statement written or printed on the same, certifying the time when returns shall be made, what said returns must contain and the penalty if returns are not made according to law.

SEC. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed. Repeal of inconsistent acts.

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CHAPTER XXX.

An Act to encourage the planting and growing of timber and shade trees. March 6, 1871.

- SECTION 1. An annual bounty for the encouragement of planting and growing timber and shade trees—in what sum.
2. When Board of County Commissioners to authorize warrants to be drawn for the bounty herein specified.
 3. Affidavit to be filed each year—what to contain.
 2. When act to take effect.

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

SECTION 1. Every person planting one acre or more of prairie land within five years after the passage of this act with any kind of forest trees, except black locust, and successfully growing and cultivating the same for three years, and every person planting, protecting and cultivating for three years, one half mile or more of forest trees along any public highway, said trees to be planted so as to stand at the end of three years, not more than one rod apart, shall be entitled to receive for ten years, commencing three years after said grove or line of trees has been planted, an annual bounty of two dollars per acre for each acre so planted, and two dollars for each one-half mile so planted, to be paid out of the county treasury of the county in which said grove or line of trees Bounty for planting and growing trees—what amount.

may be situated; such bounty shall not be paid any longer than said grove or line of trees is cultivated and kept alive, and in a growing condition.

When authorized to draw warrants for purposes herein specified.

SEC. 2. Any person wishing to avail himself of the provisions of section one of this act, shall within three years after planting said grove, or line of trees, file with the county auditor of the county a correct plat of said grove or line of trees, showing on what section or other piece of land said grove or line of trees is situated, attested by his own oath, and the affidavit of at least two householders of the vicinity, setting forth all the facts in relation to the growth and cultivation of said grove or line of trees. The county auditor shall lay such plat and affidavit before the county commissioners, and if they find from the evidence, that section one of this act has been fully complied with, shall cause warrants to be issued from the county treasury of the proper county for the bounty above provided for.

Affidavits to be filed yearly—what to contain.

SEC. 3. The affidavit of the claimant, and of at least two householders of the vicinity, showing the growth and condition of such trees, shall be filed each year in the office of the county auditor before the county commissioners shall authorize warrants to be drawn on the county treasurer for the bounty for that year.

When act to take effect.

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

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