

SEC. 2. Any person or persons who shall violate or neglect the provisions of the first (1st.) section of this act shall be liable for all damages that may occur in consequence of the trespass of such animal or animals.

Provided, That the provisions of this act shall apply to the county of Sibley, in the State of Minnesota only.

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

Approved March 1st, 1878.

CHAPTER 215.

AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING PAUPERS A TOWN CHARGE IN THE COUNTY OF WRIGHT.

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

SECTION 1. Every poor person who is unable to earn a livelihood, in consequence of bodily infirmity, idiocy or other cause, residing in Wright county, Minnesota, shall be supported by the father, grandfather, mother, grandmother, children, grandchildren, brothers or sisters of such poor persons, if they or either of them are of sufficient ability; and every person who fails or refuses to support father, grandfather, mother, grandmother, child or grandchild, sister or brother, when directed by the board of supervisors of either the towns of said Wright county, in which said poor person is found, whether said relative so directed resides in either of said towns or not, shall forfeit and pay for the use of the poor of said town the sum of fifteen dollars (\$15) per month from the time of such failure or refusal, which sum may be recovered in the name of the board of supervisors of the town in which said poor person is found, by action in any court having jurisdiction; *Provided*, That no relative except parent or child shall be liable for the support of a person who becomes, or is a pauper from intemperance or other bad conduct.

SEC. 2. That children, if of sufficient ability, shall be called upon to support their parents; if there are none of sufficient ability, the parents of such poor persons shall be next called upon, and if there are no children or parents of sufficient ability, the brothers and sisters shall be next called upon, and if there are no brothers or sisters, the grandchildren of such poor persons shall be called upon, and if there are no grandchildren of sufficient ability, then the grandparents of such poor person shall be called upon.

SEC. 3. When any such poor person has no such relative or relatives within this State as are named in the preceding sections, or where such relatives are of not sufficient ability, or fail or refuse to maintain such poor person, then such poor person shall receive such aid as his or her condition may require, in the manner hereinafter provided.

SEC. 4. Any person other than those hereinafter mentioned, who has resided in either of the towns of said Wright county, one year continuously, shall, for the purposes of this act, be deemed to have gained a legal residence in said town. Every indented servant or apprentice legally within said county, shall obtain a legal residence in the town thereof in which he shall serve his master one year, and every married woman, during coverture, shall be considered legally settled in the town where her husband was last legally settled: but if he had no legal settlement, she shall be considered as settled in the place where she was last legally settled before marriage; and every minor who has not been emancipated from his parents, and gained a legal settlement in his or her own right, shall be considered as settled in the place where his or her parents or last surviving parent was last legally settled.

SEC. 5. The supervisors of the several towns of said Wright county, shall, by virtue of their office, have the care, custody and the superintendence of the poor in their respective towns.

SEC. 6. Whenever application is made to the chairman of the board of supervisors of either of the towns of said Wright county by or in behalf of any person in said town, for public relief or support, and reliable information is furnished to said supervisor, that such person is in a suffering condition from poverty, and requires public support or assistance, said supervisor shall enquire into the condition and necessities of such person, and if satisfied that such person is in actual need of, and is a proper subject for public relief or support, and is legally settled in said town, said supervisor shall forthwith issue his certificate on the town clerk of such town for such sum as may be actually necessary for temporary relief to such poor person, not exceeding the sum of ten (\$10.00) dollars, which said certificate shall be presented to the town clerk of said town, and upon which said clerk shall issue his order upon the town treasurer of said town for the amount specified in said certificate. Said order shall be payable by said town treasurer out of the funds in his hands appropriated for the relief of the poor. At each regular meeting of the board of supervisors of the towns of said county, each supervisor issuing such certificates, shall report the same, the amount thereof, and to whom issued, which report shall be certified by the town clerk of said town, as in accordance with the record of orders issued on the same: *Provided*, That no supervisor shall issue more than two of such certificates for the relief of any poor person, before reporting such person as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 7. If in the opinion of the supervisors, authorized by section six (6) of this act, the person applying for relief, is not a fit person to entrust with the certificate and order mentioned t herein, he may, and it is hereby made the duty of such supervisor

to expend the money obtained upon said order himself; and in the purchase of proper articles for the relief of such poor person.

SEC. 8. At the next meeting of the board of supervisors, the officer to whom application has been made as aforesaid shall report fully upon the application, and if the applicant be entitled to public support or assistance in said town in which such application is made, said board of supervisors shall forthwith make suitable provisions for permanent aid and relief to and for such poor person, and such poor person shall become a town charge of such town.

SEC. 9. Whenever application is made for public relief or support by any person who has not a legal settlement as hereinbefore defined, in the town in which such application is made, but has a legal settlement in some other city, town or county in this State at the time of making such application, the officer to whom such application is made shall warn such person to depart from said town, and if such person is unable or refuses so to depart within ten days after being so warned and is likely to become a pauper, any justice of the peace in said county may issue an order under his official hand directed to the sheriff or any constable of said county, commanding him to take such person to the town in said Wright county in which he has a legal settlement, or if his legal settlement be outside of said Wright county, then and in that case to the county, town or city in which he has a legal settlement; and the sheriff or any constable to whom said order is delivered, shall forthwith take such person and convey him or her to the county, town or city designated in such order; and all reasonable expenses of such removal shall be paid out of the treasury of the town from which such removal is made, and the amount thereof shall be a legal and valid claim against the county, town or city in which such person had a legal settlement at the time of such removal, and may be recovered in any court having jurisdiction, in an action brought in the name of the board of supervisors of the town from which said removal is made.

SEC. 10. In case application is made for support or relief to the supervisors of any of the towns of said county of Wright, on behalf of any person whose legal settlement is at the time of such application in another county, town or city of this State, and who is so sick, infirm or disabled as to render it unsafe or inhuman to remove him or her as prescribed in the preceding section, and who is in actual and immediate need of public relief or support, the supervisor to whom such application is made, shall proceed in all respects as if such applicant had a legal settlement in the town in which such application is made. And the county, town or city in which such poor person had a legal settlement at the time such relief or support is provided and furnished, shall pay to the town providing and furnishing such relief or support the full amount and value thereof, upon being presented with a bill of the same. Such bill may be presented at any meeting of the board of county commissioners, board of supervisors, or common council; and if not paid, the amount thereof may be recovered in any court having jurisdiction in an action brought in the name of the board of supervisors of the town furnishing such support or relief.

SEC. 11. When any minor becomes chargeable upon any town in said Wright county, said board of supervisors shall bind such minor as an apprentice to some respectable householder of said county, if such person can be found who will take such minor by written indenture of the same tenor and effect. And which shall be binding upon such minor to the same degree as is now provided by the statutes of this State relative to masters and servants.

SEC. 12. When any person dies in either of the towns of said Wright county, leaving no property out of which his or her necessary funeral expenses may be defrayed, and having no relatives of sufficient ability to procure his or her burial, the chairman of supervisors of such town shall procure a decent burial of the remains of such deceased person at the expense of the town, county or city of this State in which said deceased person had a legal settlement as defined by this act at the time of said death. And the amount of the expenses of such burial may be recovered in any court having jurisdiction, in an action brought in the name of the board of supervisors of the town where such death occurred, provided that such action shall not be brought until a bill thereof and of said expenses has been presented at a meeting of the board of supervisors, county commissioners, or common council, as the case may be, of the town, county, or city, in which said deceased person had legal settlement at the time of his or her said death.

SEC. 13. Any person receiving aid from the said county of Wright at the time this act takes effect, residing or being maintained in any of the towns of said county, other than the town which was their actual residence when becoming paupers, shall, for the purposes of this act, be deemed and considered to have a legal settlement in the town in which he or she, as the case may be, actually resided when first making application for relief to said county for public relief or support. And it is hereby made the duty of the county commissioners of said county of Wright, at their first session after this act takes effect, to designate the towns in which each of said persons had actual residence when first making application for relief or support from said county, and to provide for their removal, if a removal be necessary, to the town so designated, and to deliver such poor person to the chairman of the supervisors of said town. And in case said commissioners refuse or neglect to so designate such town as aforesaid, and to provide for such removal, said person may be warned to depart said town as provided in section eight (8) of this act, and thereupon like proceedings shall be had and like liabilities follow as are provided by section eight (8) as aforesaid.

SEC. 14. All other acts or parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 15. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 7, 1878.