

## CHAPTER 99.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE APPOINTMENT OF AN AGENT TO PROSECUTE CERTAIN LAND CLAIMS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.

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

SECTION 1. That the Governor of this State be and is hereby authorized and empowered to employ a State Land Agent for the State of Minnesota, whose duty it shall be to investigate and prosecute to final decision in the proper departments of the government, the claims of the State of Minnesota for lands due or inuring from the United States under the act of Congress approved March twelve (12), one thousand eight hundred and sixty (1860), granting swamp and overflowed lands to the State of Minnesota, or under any other of the several acts of Congress granting lands to said State.

Claims for land.

SEC. 2. It shall be his further duty to investigate the circumstances attending the several grants of land made by Congress to the State of Minnesota, and adjust and maintain the rightful interests of the State derived therefrom, and when so directed by the Governor, he shall visit the several United States land offices within the State and inquire into the causes which lead to the wrongs suffered by settlers, and he shall generally, under the direction of the Governor, act as the agent of the State in the adjustment of any unsettled or conflicting matters pertaining to the landed interests of the State.

Investigation of land grants by state agent.

SEC. 3. Before entering upon the duties of his agency, such agent shall execute to the State of Minnesota a bond, with good and sufficient security, to be approved by the Governor and Auditor of State, in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), conditioned for the faithful performance of every duty imposed by the provisions of this act.

Agent shall execute bond.

SEC. 4. Said agent shall receive a compensation at a rate not to exceed fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) per annum, to be paid as the salaries of other State officers are paid, as full compensation for all services rendered, and also for all expenses incurred in the performance of the duties imposed by this act, and for the payment of such salary there is hereby annually appropriated for a term of two years, out of any moneys in the general revenue fund not otherwise appropriated, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500).

Compensation—how paid.

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

Approved March 4, 1881.