

drawbridge or drawbridges so arranged as to permit the free passage of all kinds of water craft navigating the bay. And the common council of the village of Duluth shall have power to make and enforce all needful rules and regulations for maintaining lights on such drawbridges and for opening the same for the passage of vessels during seasons of navigation, which rules and regulations shall be subject to revision by the legislature of the State of Minnesota.

SEC. 2. That to aid in the construction of said railway, there is hereby granted to the village of Duluth the right of way over the land under the water within one hundred and fifty (150) feet on each side of said line, between the established dock-line on Rice's Point and the established dock-line on Minnesota Point; that is to say, a strip of land three hundred (300) feet in width between said points. This grant may be revoked by the legislature of the State of Minnesota unless a railway, with a drawbridge or drawbridges, shall be constructed across the bay of Duluth, in accordance with the provisions of section one (1) of this act, within ten (10) years after its passage, and shall also have authority to revoke the same if, after the construction of such railway and drawbridge, the same shall not be maintained in good working order and condition.

SEC. 3. The common council of the village of Duluth shall have authority to grant, or to contract to grant, to other parties a right of way over any or all the lands herein granted; but no such grant or contract shall be valid to transfer any title to or easement over any of said lands until a railway and drawbridge shall have been constructed, as provided in section one (1) of this act.

SEC. 4. When a railway has been constructed across the bay of Duluth, with a drawbridge as provided in section one (1) of this act, docks, warehouses, elevators and other structures may be erected on any part of the lands over which such easement is herein granted; *provided* no such structure shall in any manner obstruct any passage-way for vessels provided for in this act.

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

Approved March 7, 1881.

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## CHAPTER 198.

AN ACT to authorize towns in Stearns county to pay a premium for wire fences.

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

SECTION 1. That there may be submitted to the legal voters of any of the towns of Stearns county, at any annual town meeting, the following proposition:

That any person building a wire fence by the side of any public highway, where snow-drifts are liable to accumulate, shall be paid a premium, by the town in which said fence is built, not to exceed five (5) cents per rod; said amount to be determined by the supervisors of said town.

SEC. 2. That there shall be levied a tax, not to exceed four (4) mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of said town, to be collected as other town taxes are, and shall be used in payment of said premiums.

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

Approved March 8, 1881.

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## CHAPTER 199.

AN ACT authorizing and requiring each town in Goodhue county to support its own poor.

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

SECTION 1. That each township in the county of Goodhue shall provide for and support all poor persons in the town, and the board of town supervisors of each town in said county shall have entire and exclusive superintendence of the poor of their respective towns.

SEC. 2. The electors of each town in said county shall, at their annual town meeting in each year, vote to raise such sum of money for the support of the poor as they may deem expedient, which facts the town clerk shall certify to the county auditor. The county auditor of said county shall, at the time of making the grand tax duplicates of said county, assess and levy upon the taxable property of each town in said county such sums raised by each town for said purpose.

SEC. 3. All applications for aid shall be made to the board of township supervisors, and upon a proper case being made out for aid, to care for the poor person or pauper. The supervisors, or a majority of them, shall order such sum of money or other thing, as they deem best, to be paid to such poor person or pauper, at such time and manner as may be deemed necessary.

SEC. 4. The county treasurer of said county shall refund to the town treasurer of each township the amount of poor funds in his hands, or that may come into his hands, belonging to each town or collected from each town.

SEC. 5. The General Laws of this State as to residence of poor persons in order to obtain aid from counties shall apply to town-