

appropriations are made by the legislature, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five (1885), without letting the same by contract, if, in their judgment, the work can be better done otherwise.

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

When act to  
take effect.

Approved March 3, 1885.

## CHAPTER 167.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE TAKING OF AN ANNUAL INVENTORY OF STATE PROPERTY IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

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

SECTION 1. That it shall be the duty of the trustees, directors, inspectors or managers of each of the penal, reformatory, charitable and educational institutions maintained by the state of Minnesota, to cause to be taken, by such officers as they may designate, an annual inventory of all property of the state belonging to the several institutions under their charge, on the last day of each fiscal year.

When inven-  
tory to be taken.

SEC. 2. In such inventories, lands and buildings shall be listed at their actual cost to the state, as nearly as known, deducting losses by fire. Movable property shall be listed at its actual estimated value when the inventory is taken.

How inven-  
toried.

SEC. 3. Said inventories shall be kept on file with the records of such trustees, directors, inspectors or managers, and an abstract of the same shall be published in their biennial reports.

To be kept on  
file—where.

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

When act to  
take effect.

Approved March 7, 1885.