

CHAPTER 175.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE SERVICE FEES FOR DOMESTIC ANIMALS.

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

SECTION 1. That neglect or refusal on the part of the owner of any mare, cow, ewe, or sow, to pay the service fees of any stallion, jack, bull, ram, or boar, kept for public service, until the birth of the offspring, shall in such case constitute a lien upon the offspring resulting from said service.

What to constitute a lien upon the offspring of dumb animals.

SEC. 2. The owner or owners of every stallion, jack, bull, ram, or boar, kept for public service, shall keep a full and accurate description of every female bred, such description to state color, supposed age, name and any other description that may be necessary for identification, and upon settlement of service fees, shall file with the description before mentioned, a full release of said offspring, with the clerk of the township where said female is owned.

When full release to be filed for service.

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

When act to take effect.

Approved March 7, 1885.

CHAPTER 176.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DEFENSE BY THE STATE OF SUITS BROUGHT BY A RAILROAD COMPANY AGAINST PERSONS CLAIMING LANDS EMBRACED IN THE RELINQUISHMENT MADE IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION TEN (10) CHAPTER TWO HUNDRED AND ONE (201), SPECIAL LAWS OF ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN (1877).

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

SECTION 1. When any railroad company shall, solely for the purpose of testing or trying the title to any land covered, referred to or embraced in the relinquishment made by the governor of this state in pursuance of section

Testing title to land embraced in the relinquishment made by the governor—duty of attorney general.

ten (10) of chapter two hundred and one (201) of the special laws of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven (1877), commence or institute any suit or proceeding against any person resident of this state, living upon and holding any such land under or by virtue of the homestead or pre-emption laws of the United States, or shall institute or commence any such suit or proceeding for the purpose of barring such person of or from any right, title or claim, or demand in or to any such land, or for the purpose of declaring the title to be in any such railroad company, and in all cases of the character aforesaid now pending in any of the courts of this state or of the United States, upon the application of the defendant in any such suit or proceeding, it shall be the duty of the attorney general of the state, or of some attorney employed by the attorney general and at the expense of the state, to defend such suit or proceeding.

When act to
take effect.

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

Approved March 7, 1885.

CHAPTER 177.

AN ACT DECLARING DOGS TO BE PERSONAL PROPERTY.

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

Declared to be
personal prop-
erty.

SECTION 1. All dogs owned or kept by any person for domestic or personal use, or for pleasure, are hereby declared to be personal property within the purview and meaning of the criminal laws of this state, and the laws of this state relating to larceny and malicious mischief or injury shall be construed to embrace and apply to said animals.

When act to
take effect.

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

Approved March 2, 1885.