

CHAPTER 166.

[H. F. No. 14.]

AN ACT REGULATING THE EMPLOYMENT OF CONVICT LABOR.

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255 . . . 89*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

SECTION 1. That on and after the expiration of the present contracts now in force granting the labor of convicts of the state, or of any municipality to corporations or individuals, no more such contracts shall be awarded, but all convict labor, either of the state or of any municipality, shall be employed under the direction of the warden or other chief officer having charge of such convicts.

Convict labor.

SEC. 2. All convicts of the state or of any municipality, after the passage of this act and the expiration of the contracts now in force, shall be employed in the manufacture of such articles as the board of managers of the states prisons, or the mayor and council or other governing board of municipalities may deem to be of the most advantage.

How employed.

First; to aid the convicts in their reformation so as to enable them to earn an honest living on their return to liberty; second; as a means of cheapening their cost to the state or municipality having them in charge.

SEC. 3. The products of all convict labor shall be sold at any time to any citizen at wholesale, at wholesale prices, to be determined by the published price current for the article manufactured, in quantities of not less than fifty dollars (\$50) worth, for cash or securities approved by the warden or other officer having charge of such convicts.

Products—how disposed of.

SEC. 4. The state is prohibited by this act from taking any contract to furnish any material or article produced or manufactured, by or into which convict labor may have, or has entered. And hereafter no labor shall be employed for wages in any prison in this state, on any article or thing to be sold, that will come into competition with free labor.

Shall not compete with free labor.

SEC. 5. There shall be appropriated out of the public funds the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to enable the warden or other officer having charge of state convicts to purchase the necessary plant and tools to carry the provisions of this act into effect.

Appropriation.

SEC. 6. Immediately after the passage of this bill it shall be the duty of the governor, the state inspectors and the warden of the state prison, to forthwith serve the requisite notice upon the present contractors for the prison labor, terminating the present contracts at the earliest time possible within the limits of the present contracts.

Notice to be served on contractors.

SEC. 7. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

When act to
take effect.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO PLATS OF TOWNS AND CITIES IN THIS STATE, AND OF ADDITIONS TO AND SUBDIVISIONS THEREOF, AND THE CORRECTION AND LEGALIZATION OF THE SAME.

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

Plats of towns,
additions, etc.

SECTION 1. That in all cases where the plats, or what purport to be plats of any towns or cities in this state, or of additions to or subdivisions thereof, or copies thereof, fail to identify and show correctly, upon their face, the tract of land covered or intended to be covered thereby, the surveyors, or one of them, who laid out or surveyed the same, and, in case said surveyor or surveyors shall have died, or his or their place of abode be unknown, or he or they be unable or refuse to make or execute such certificate, one of the original proprietors, may within one year from the passage of this act, make and file in the office of the register of deeds of the county in which said lands are situate, a certificate duly executed and acknowledged by him or them, as deeds are to be executed and acknowledged, wherein shall be set forth a full description of the lands actually covered and intended to be covered by said plat.

If such certificate be made by a proprietor or proprietors of such town, city, addition or subdivision, the same shall also be sworn to by him or them as being correct in all respects.

Certificates to
be recorded.

And such certificate so executed, acknowledged and verified, shall be recorded at length by said register of deeds in a book by him provided for that purpose, entitled, "Book of Plat Certificates," and said register of deeds shall thereupon note upon such plat and the copy thereof filed in his office as aforesaid and referred to in such certificate and affidavit, the fact of filing such certificate and the book and page where recorded; and he shall receive from the person offering said certificate for record, the fees provided by