

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

Approved March 2d, 1887.

CHAPTER 204.

[S. F. No. 191.]

AN ACT TO RESTRICT THE OWNERSHIP OF REAL ESTATE IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO AMERICAN CITIZENS AND THOSE WHO HAVE LAWFULLY DECLARED THEIR INTENTIONS TO BECOME SUCH, AND SO FORTH, AND TO LIMIT THE QUANTITY OF LAND WHICH CORPORATIONS MAY ACQUIRE, HOLD, OR OWN.

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

SECTION 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, not citizens of the United States, or who have not lawfully declared their intentions to become such citizens, or for any corporation, not created by or under the laws of the United States or of some state or territory of the United States, to hereafter acquire, hold or own, real estate so hereafter acquired, or any interest therein in this state except such as may be acquired by devise or inheritance, or in good faith in the ordinary course of justice in collection of debts hereafter created. *Provided*, That the prohibition of this section shall not apply in such cases as the right to hold lands in the United States is secured by existing treaties to the citizens or subjects of foreign countries which rights shall continue to exist so long as such treaties are in force. *Provided further*. That the provisions of this section shall not apply to actual settlers upon farms of not more than one hundred and sixty (160) acres of land, who may settle thereon at any time before January first (1st), one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine (1889).

Restricts the ownership of real estate in this state.

Provided further. That none of the provisions of this act shall be construed to apply to lands acquired, held or obtained in good faith by due process of law in the collection of debts, or the foreclosure of mortgages.

SEC. 2. That no corporation or association more than twenty (20) per centum of the stock of which is or may be owned by any person or persons, corporation or corporations, association or associations, not citizens of the United States, shall hereafter acquire, or shall hold or own any real estate hereafter acquired in this state.

Corporations restricted.

Corporations limited as to ownership of lands.

SEC. 3. That no corporation other than those organized for the construction or operation of railways, canals, or turnpikes, shall acquire, hold or own, over five thousand (5,000) acres of land, so hereafter acquired in this state; and no railroad, canal or turnpike corporation shall hereafter acquire, hold or own lands so hereafter acquired in this state other than as may be necessary for the proper operation of its railroad, canal or turnpike, except such lands as may have been granted to it by act of congress, or of the legislature of this state.

Lands forfeited.

SEC. 4. That all property acquired, held or owned in violation of the provisions of this act, shall be forfeited to this state, and it shall be the duty of the attorney general of the state to enforce every such forfeiture by due process of law.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first (1st) day of July, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven (1887).

Approved March 2nd, 1887.

CHAPTER 205.

[S. F. No. 624.]

AN ACT FOR THE BETTER REGULATION OF THE MINNESOTA INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF, THE BLIND AND THE FEEBLE-MINDED.

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

Change of name.

SECTION 1. That the institution heretofore established at Faribault, Minnesota, for the education of the deaf, dumb and blind and styled "The Minnesota Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute" shall hereafter be known and designated as "The Minnesota Institute for Defectives." It shall be located at Faribault and shall consist of three departments, to wit:

The School for the Deaf,
The School for the Blind,
The School for the Feeble-minded.

Board of directors.

SEC. 2. Said institute shall be controlled by a board of five (5) directors together with the governor and superintendent of public instruction who shall be ex-officio members of said board, such directors shall be appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate for the term of five (5) years each and until their succes-

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