

CHAPTER 295.

[H. F. No. 1000.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF STEARNS, TO PROVIDE A SET OF TRACT INDEXES OF SAID COUNTY.

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

SECTION 1. The county commissioners of the county of Stearns, are hereby authorized to cause to be made a set of tract indexes of the lands in said county at an expense not to exceed the sum of fifteen hundred (1,500) dollars. Said indexes shall be of such form as the board of county commissioners may determine; and shall contain in proper order the description of each and every governmental subdivision and platted lot in said county, and under or opposite each such description a proper reference to every instrument recorded or filed in the office of the register of deeds of said county, in any manner whatever affecting the title to such subdivision or lot including all assignments and releases of mortgages. Every instrument recorded in said office shall be referred to by giving the letter or the number of the volume of the record in which the same is recorded and the page whereon the same is retorded; every instrument filed but not recorded in said office shall be referred to in such manner that the same may be readily found. The several classes of records in said office shall be designated in such indexes in some appropriate manner, as by initials, abbreviations, figures or being noted in different colored inks. All wills, powers of attorney and other instruments affecting real estate in said county in which lands are not specifically described, except assignments and releases of mortgages, shall be indexed in a separate volume alphabetically under their several headings.

SEC. 2. Said commissioners shall cause such indexes to be made only in accordance with the provisions of this act; they shall provide the necessary books therefor and shall let the contract for doing the work in such manner as they deem proper and to such persons and under such restrictions and with such safe guards as in their opinion will insure accuracy. And they shall require that said indexes, after the same are made, be carefully compared with the records for the purpose of detecting and correcting errors, and shall require the parties who contract to perform such work to execute a bond to said board in the sum of one thousand (1,000) dollars, with such sureties as said board may approve, conditioned for the faithful performance of said contract.

SEC. 3. After said indexes shall have been made they shall be kept in the office of the register of deeds as one of the records of his office and shall be open to the inspection of all persons, and said register shall be required to properly continue the same and note thereon every instrument filed in his office affecting the title to any real estate

in said county, and the commissioners of said county shall hereafter provide new index books as they shall be needed to keep up said records.

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

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[H. F. No. 1059.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE EACH AND EVERY TOWN IN STEVENS COUNTY, MINNESOTA, TO PROVIDE WHEN CATTLE, HORSES, MULES, ASSES, SWINE, AND SHEEP SHALL BE PERMITTED TO GO AT LARGE.

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

SECTION 1. Each and every town in Stevens county, Minnesota, is authorized, in the manner hereinafter provided, to determine when cattle, horses, mules, asses, swine and sheep shall be permitted to go at large.

SEC. 2. Upon the filing with the clerk of any of said towns a petition of any ten (10) persons residing in any of said towns, asking that a special meeting of the legal voters of such town shall be called for the purpose of determining the time during each year when cattle, horses, mules, asses, swine and sheep shall be permitted to run at large in such town, or that such question be considered at the next general election thereafter, the clerk of such town shall fix a time within thirty (30) days after the filing of such petition, when a special election will be held to consider the subject of said petition, and shall at least ten (10) days before the time set for such special election, and, in case of a general election, ten (10) days before that, give notice of such election by posting one (1) copy thereof in at least three (3) public places in such town; which notice shall set forth the fact that the question of fixing the time when cattle, horses, mules, asses, swine and sheep shall be permitted to run at large in such town, and the time when and place where such election shall be held; and the vote shall be taken in the same manner that other votes are taken at town elections.

SEC. 3. A majority of those exercising the right of franchise at any such election held of any said towns, shall determine when the cattle, horses, mules, asses, swine and sheep shall be permitted to run at large in said town; and the decision arrived at by such majority, shall thereafter, until changed in like manner as created, be the law in such town.