

who hold said offices at the time of incorporation. Such certificate shall be under the seal of such lodge and shall be signed by said elective officers, and shall be recorded in the office of the register of deeds of the county where such lodge is located and meeting at the time of such incorporation.

May acquire
and sell prop-
erty.

SEC. 3. Upon filing such certificate in the office of such register of deeds, such lodge shall become a body corporate, under its charter name and number, and shall have power to sue and be sued, by its corporate name, and in such name to acquire or receive by purchase, gift, grant or bequest, any property, real, personal or mixed, and the same to hold, transfer, sell, mortgage, convey, loan, let or otherwise use in accordance with the laws and usages of such order and the laws of this state.

Seal of lodge.

SEC. 4. The seal of such lodge shall be its corporate seal, and shall be attached to all conveyances of real property. Such conveyances shall be signed by the chief officer of such lodge and by the secretary or recording officer thereof.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 12, 1897.

H. F. No. 398.

CHAPTER 111.

Destruction
of weeds.

An act to amend chapter two hundred and seventy-three (273) of the general laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five (1895), entitled "An act to declare certain weeds common nuisances, and to provide for their destruction."

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. That section seven (7) of chapter two hundred and seventy-three (273) of the general laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five (1895) be and the same is hereby amended so as to read when amended as follows:

Fines to go to
maintenance
of roads and
bridges.

Sec. 7. All fines collected under the provisions of this act shall be paid into the fund for the maintenance of roads and bridges in the town or municipal corporation in which the offense is committed. When such noxious weeds are so numerous upon any particular tract of land, not a public highway, street or alley, and

upon which there is a growing crop of grain, hay or corn, that in the judgment of the officers charged with the enforcement of this act all such weeds cannot be eradicated without great damage to the crop growing upon the said land, such officers may make an agreement in writing with the owner, agent or occupant of the land providing for the destruction of a portion only of such weeds prior to the harvesting of the crop on the said land, the portion to be destroyed being specified in said written agreement; and no officer or land owners, agent or occupants who have in good faith entered into such an agreement, and have in good faith complied with the terms and conditions of such agreement, shall be deemed guilty of a violation of any of the provisions of this chapter.

When not
liable.

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

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

Approved April 12, 1897.

CHAPTER 112.

H. F. No. 521.

An act to amend section four (4) of chapter 204, general laws of 1887, as amended by chapter 113, general laws of 1889, being section 5878, general statutes 1894, relating to the forfeiture of lands illegally held.

Forfeiture of
lands.

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

SECTION 1. That section 4 of chapter 204 of the general laws of the state of Minnesota for the year 1887, as amended by chapter 113 of the general laws of the state of Minnesota for the year 1889, being section 5878, general statutes of Minnesota of 1894, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Amendment.

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; *provided*, however, that no such forfeiture shall be made unless the action to enforce such forfeiture shall be brought within three (3) years after such real estate has been acquired by such alien or corporation; *and provided, further*, that no title to real estate standing in the name of a citizen of the United

Forfeited to
state.

Provisions.