

shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof in any court having competent jurisdiction shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five (25) dollars nor more than one hundred (100) dollars.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after June 1, A. D. 1899.

Approved April 14, 1899.

S. F. No. 400.

CHAPTER 226.

Children; education of.
Truant officers.

An act requiring the education of children, and providing for truant officers in ungraded schools in school districts and cities.

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

Parent or guardian to send children to school.

SECTION 1. Every parent, guardian or other person, who resides in any school district or city, and who has control of any child or children of or between the ages of 8 and 16 years, shall send such child or children to a public, parochial or private school in each year during the entire time the public schools of such district or city are in session.

May be excused by board of education.

Provided, however, that such child or children may be excused from such attendance for the whole or any part of such period by the school board or board of education of the school district or city in which such parent, guardian or person having control resides, upon its being shown to the satisfaction of such board:

Causes of excuse.

(1) That such parent, guardian or other person having control is not able by reason of poverty to clothe such child properly; or (2) That such child's bodily or mental condition is such as to prevent his attendance at school or application to study for the period required; or (3) That such child is taught at home in such branches of study as are usually taught in public schools, subject to the same examination as other pupils of such district or city; or (4) That such child has already acquired the ordinary branches required by law; or (5) That such child is actually engaged in some useful occupation, employment or service permitted by law.

School board may appoint truant officer.

SEC. 2. The school board or board of education of each such school district or city may appoint and at pleasure remove one or more truant officers, whose duty it shall be to investigate all cases of truancy or non-attendance

at schools, to make complaints, serve notices and processes, and enforce all laws and school regulations respecting truant, incorrigible and disorderly children, and the attendance of children at schools.

Such truant officer shall have power without warrant to apprehend and take to school any truant or other child who is not, as in this act provided, excused from attendance at school, and he shall act under the supervision of such board or (when directed by said board) under the supervision of the superintendent of the schools of the district or city for which they are appointed.

Powers of truant officer.

For the services rendered by such truant officers, they shall receive no fees, but shall receive a fixed salary, to be determined by the board appointing them.

Truant officer to receive fees, but no salary.

SEC. 3. Such board of any such school district or city may establish and maintain one or more ungraded schools for the instruction of the following classes of children in such district or city, who are of or between the ages of 8 and 16 years, to-wit: Class 1, habitual truants from any school in which they are enrolled as pupils; class 2, children who, while in attendance at any school, are incorrigible, vicious, or immoral in conduct; and class 3, children who habitually wander about the streets or other public places during school hours without lawful employment, business or occupation. All such children shall be deemed juvenile, disorderly persons, and may, by such board of such school district or city in which they reside, be assigned to and required and compelled to attend such ungraded school or any department of the graded public schools of such district or city, as such board may determine.

Board of education may establish special schools for truants, vicious and wandering children.

SEC. 4. Any member of such truant or ungraded school who renders himself an unfit subject for retention therein by indecent or immoral conduct, by gross misbehavior or by persistent violation of the reasonable regulations of such school, may, upon complaint of any truant officer or the superintendent of schools or other school officer of the district or city wherein such member resides, and upon due conviction, be committed by the court to the state training school at Red Wing, in said State of Minnesota.

Incorrigible children may be sent to state training school

SEC. 5. Any parent, guardian or other person who shall fail to comply with the provisions of this act, and any person who induces or attempts to induce any child to absent himself unlawfully from school, or employs or harbors while school is in session any child absent unlawfully from school, is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not exceeding fifty dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail of not more than thirty days,

Violation of law; penalty.

or both, and all such fines collected shall be paid into the county treasury of the proper county for the benefit and support of the public schools of the district or city wherein such offense is committed.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 14, 1899.

S. F. No. 312.

CHAPTER 227.

Roads; construction of.

An act authorizing the construction of roads, and providing for the costs thereof.

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

Petition and proceedings for, how made and conducted.

SECTION 1. Whenever fifteen or more legal voters of any organized township in this state, who own real estate in said town, or who occupy real estate in said town under the homestead or pre-emption laws of the United States, or under contract from the State of Minnesota, shall file with the town clerk a petition asking for the construction of a permanent hard road upon one or more established highways in said town, and for the calling of a special meeting to consider the same, it shall be the duty of said clerk to call a special meeting of the supervisors of said town to estimate the cost of constructing a permanent hard road upon the highways designated in the said petition, which estimate shall be made in writing, signed by a majority of the said board of supervisors, and filed with the town clerk, who shall thereupon call a special meeting of the electors of the said town to vote upon the said question, and give notice thereof in the manner provided by law. Said notice shall fix the date and place of holding the election and state the highways to be improved and the cost thereof, and that the poll shall be open from nine o'clock in the forenoon till five o'clock in the afternoon. Voting at said election shall be by ballot and in substantially the following form:

To be submitted to electors.

Ballot form of.

	Yes.	No.
Petition to construct a permanent hard road, as petitioned for by, and others, at an estimated cost of \$.		