

SECTION 1. That the county commissioners of any county in the State of Minnesota, which has heretofore or may hereafter change from the county system of caring for the poor to the town system of caring for the poor, are hereby authorized to audit, allow and appropriate such sums of money as they deem advisable, out of the poor funds of such county, to reimburse any town in such county for money expended by such town for the care of the poor of such town; *provided*, that no town shall be allowed aid under the provisions of this act, unless such town has expended or incurred a debt of three hundred dollars or more for the care of the poor in such town within the year next preceding the application for aid.

Care of poor by towns; reimbursement by counties.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 19, 1899.

CHAPTER 286.

H. F. No. 516.

An act declaring certain dogs to be public nuisances, and providing for their destruction.

Dogs, public nuisance; destruction of.

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

SECTION 1. A dog that habitually worries, chases or molests teams, bicycle riders or persons traveling peaceably on the public highway are [is] hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

Dogs, when a public nuisance.

SEC. 2. An action to have a dog declared a public nuisance may be commenced by filing with any justice of the peace a complaint stating that such dog is a public nuisance, and containing a description of said dog, including his name, if known, and the name of his owner, if known, and if the name of such owner is unknown that fact shall be so stated. If said owner is known said justice shall thereupon issue a summons commanding him to appear before him on a certain day, not less than six (6) nor more than ten (10) days from the filing of said complaint, and make answer thereto.

Action to declare a nuisance.

SEC. 3. Said summons shall be served upon such owner in the manner provided by law for the service of summons in actions in justice courts, at least six (6) days before the return day thereof.

Summons in, how served.

SEC. 4. If it appears from said complaint that the owner of said dog is not known, said justice shall cause

When owner not known, notice.

a notice to be posted in at least three public conspicuous places in the town wherein he has his office. Such notice shall state that the aforesaid complaint has been filed with him and shall contain a description of said dog as given in said complaint, and shall also contain a notice of the day and place when a hearing on said complaint will be had, which day shall be not less than six (6) nor more than ten (10) days from the day of the posting of such notice.

Hearing;
order for
destruction.

SEC. 5. On the return day named in said summons, or on the day named in said notice, as the case may be, said justice shall hear the evidence adduced in said matter and render his decision therein. If he shall decide said dog to be a public nuisance he shall forthwith order a constable of his court to apprehend, destroy and bury the same, and said constable shall execute such order forthwith.

Costs of suit,
by whom paid.

SEC. 6. The costs in the first instance shall be paid by the party making the complaint; in case the dog is declared to be a public nuisance, and the owner of the dog is known, judgment shall be entered against such owner for the costs of the proceedings.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 19, 1899.

H. F. No. 222.

CHAPTER 287.

Live stock;
encouragement
of interests
therein.

An act to provide for the encouragement of the live stock interests of the state, and to appropriate money therefor.

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

\$1,000 appro-
priated to
stock breeders'
association.

SECTION 1. That the sum of one thousand (1,000) dollars annually is hereby appropriated to the Minnesota Stock Breeders' association, to be expended by the executive committee of said association for the purpose of disseminating useful knowledge and information regarding the live stock interests of the state, making exhibits of fat stock, paying premiums, or publishing reports of meetings held under the direction of the association for the betterment of the live stock interests of the state.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 19th, 1899.