

000 or more, there shall hereafter be no highway labor assessed and all road taxes hereafter assessed by the township supervisors shall be paid in cash and shall be expended under the supervision and direction of the township supervisors.

SEC. 2. In all such counties the office of overseer of highways, provided in section 928 of the General Statutes of 1894, is hereby abolished and in lieu thereof, each of the boards of supervisors shall appoint not exceeding three overseers of highways for its township, who shall, under the direction of the board of supervisors, have supervision and direction of the construction, maintenance and repair of all highways and bridges under the control of the township supervisors.

SEC. 3. The overseer or overseers so appointed shall receive as full compensation for his services not to exceed the sum of \$2.50 per day for the time actually employed in the performance of his duties.

SEC. 4. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect from and after January 1st, 1902.

Approved April 11, 1901.

Abolishing
overseer.

To be ap-
pointed by
supervisor.

H. F. No. 447.

CHAPTER 257.

Village coun-
cils to pre-
scribe penal-
ties for vio-
lation of or-
dinances.

An act to authorize village councils and all villages in this state to prescribe penalties for the violation of ordinances of such villages.

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

SECTION 1. That the village council of all villages in this state, whether organized or incorporated under the General or Special Laws of this state, anything in the charter of any such village to the contrary notwithstanding, shall have power to prescribe as penalty for the violation of any ordinance of such village a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, besides the cost of such prosecution, and in default of the payment of such fine and costs of prosecution the said village council may provide for committing the person convicted of violating any such ordinance to the place of confinement of such village, or imprisonment in the common jail of the county, or if there be no county jail in such county, then in the county jail of the county where such county prisoners are usually sent for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days.

SEC. 2. All ordinances, by-laws and regulations of all villages in this state not contravening any provisions of this act shall be and remain in force under this act.

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

Approved April 11, 1901.

CHAPTER 258.

H. F. No. 453

An act providing for the drainage of lands in certain cases, prescribing the powers and duties of county commissioners and other officers in the premises, and appropriating funds for the payment of assessments against state lands affected thereby, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof, and repealing certain acts therein mentioned and referred to.

Counties.
Drainage
of lands.

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

SECTION 1. The board of county commissioners of any county shall have power, and it shall be their duty, at any session, when they shall find the conditions stated in the second section of this act to exist, to cause to be constructed as hereinafter provided, any ditch, drain, creek or other water course within said county; and such ditch, drain, creek, or other water course may, in whole or in part, follow and consist of the bed of any stream, creek or river, whether navigable or not, and they may widen, deepen, straighten and change the channel of any creek, river or other natural water course, whether navigable and whether meandered or not, and may confine any such creek, river or other water course by means of dykes, levees and embankments to its natural or artificial bed, as laid out. *Provided*, that when in any such proceedings the waters of any creek, river or other water course are diverted from their natural bed by such artificial ditch or drain, such ditch or drain shall as nearly as practicable follow the general direction of such creek, river or water course, and terminate therein.

Powers and
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SEC. 2. Before the board of county commissioners shall establish any ditch, drain or water course, there shall be filed with the auditor of such county a petition signed by one or more of the land owners whose lands will be liable to be affected by or assessed for the expense of the construction of the same, setting forth the necessity thereof, with a description of the proposed starting point, route and terminus; and one or more of such petitioners

Petition.