

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

Approved March 11, 1902.

S. F. No. 85.

## CHAPTER 43.

Leases and  
contracts  
legalized.

*An act to legalize and confirm leases and contracts made by the board of county commissioners of organized counties in this state leasing lands for the purpose of exploring for and mining iron ore and removing the same.*

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

County  
lands  
used for  
mining.

SECTION 1. That in all cases where the board of county commissioners of any organized county in this state has heretofore entered into a lease or contract, in writing, with any person, persons, company or corporation, purporting to lease to such person, persons, company or corporations any lands belonging to said county, or under the control of said county, for the purpose of exploring for, mining, taking out, and shipping therefrom the merchantable shipping iron ore, which is, or which may be found, on, or under, said lands, together with the right to construct all buildings, make all excavations, openings, ditches, drains, railroads, wagon roads and other improvements upon said premises which are, or may become suitable or necessary for the mining and removing of iron ore from said premises, with the right, during the existence of said lease or contract, or any extension thereof, to cut and use the timber found upon said premises, so far as may be necessary for fuel, other than for smelting purposes, and so far also as may be necessary for the construction of buildings required in the operation of any mine or mines found on the said premises so leased, and also the timber required for the drains, tramways, supports, railroads, within such mine or mines or connecting the mine or mines with a new line or lines of railroad over or upon which the said ore may be transported; and all leases and contracts made by such board of county commissioners whereby such board has leased the lands of said county or land controlled by said county for the purposes of mining iron ore, and has given to the party of the second part the right to go upon the lands so leased and explore for, mine or remove iron ore from such lands or beneath the surface of the same, are hereby in all things

Timber may  
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legalized, ratified and confirmed, and all such leases and contracts are hereby made the valid and binding obligations of said county and valid and binding leases and contracts between said county and the said board of county commissioners, and the party or parties of the second part. Provided, however, that the leasehold interest in all property contracted away or leased, as herein provided for, shall, after such leasing, be assessed and subject to taxation in the same way as property owned by private persons.

Taxation.

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#### CHAPTER 44.

S. F. No. 67.

*An act to amend chapter three hundred and thirty-nine (339) of the General Laws of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine (1899), as amended by chapter twenty-nine (29) of the General Laws of one thousand nine hundred and one (1901), relating to the erection of a memorial or monument and authorizing the county commissioners to appropriate money therefor.*

Soldiers' monuments or memorials.

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

SECTION 1. That section one (1) of chapter three hundred and thirty-nine (339) of the General Laws of Minnesota for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine (1899) as amended by chapter twenty-nine (29) of the General Laws of Minnesota for the year one thousand nine hundred and one (1901) be and the same is hereby further amended by striking out the addition made thereto by the said chapter twenty-nine (29), and in lieu thereof adding to said section one (1) at the end thereof the following. Provided further, that when there is or may be hereafter organized a soldiers' memorial or monument association within any county in this state, or when any post of the Grand Army of the Republic shall undertake the erection of a monument or memorial hall to the Union soldiers of the War of the Rebellion at the county seat of any county in the state, the board of county commissioners of such county are hereby authorized and empowered to appropriate a sum of money not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500),