

take the status of, and be treated in all respects as, any other unplotted agricultural land.

SEC. 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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

Approved April 18, 1905.

CHAPTER 274.

H. F. No. 556.

An act to prevent wrongs to children and dumb animals and to establish a bureau of child and animal protection.

Bureau of child and animal protection.

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

SECTION 1. That the Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Cruelty is constituted a state bureau of child and animal protection for the purposes hereinafter set forth; *provided*, that the said society for the prevention of cruelty shall accept and carry out the provisions of this act.

Society for Prevention of Cruelty.

Acceptance.

SEC. 2. The governor, the superintendent of public instruction and the attorney general shall be ex officio members of the board of directors of said state bureau.

Exofficio members.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the said bureau to secure the enforcement of the laws for the prevention of wrongs to children and dumb animals; to assist in the organization of district and county societies and the appointment of local and state agents, and give them representation in the state bureau; to aid such societies and agents in the enforcement of the laws for the prevention of wrongs to children and dumb animals, which may now or hereafter exist, and to promote the growth of education and sentiment favorable to the protection of children and dumb animals.

Duties.

SEC. 4. Said bureau shall hold its annual meetings on the second Monday in November in each year at the capitol of the state, for the transaction of its business and the election of its officers, at which meeting all questions relating to child and animal protection in the state may be considered.

Annual meeting.

SEC. 5. The said bureau shall make an annual report before the first day of January of each year to the secretary of state, embracing the proceedings of the

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bureau for the preceding year, and statistics showing the work of the bureau.

Certify
acceptance.

SEC. 6. If the said humane society shall accept the provisions of this act, they shall certify their acceptance of the same to the secretary of state and state auditor.

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

Approved April 18, 1905.

H. F. No. 232.

CHAPTER 275.

Acknowl-
edgments
legalized.

An act to legalize acknowledgments of conveyances and other instruments, and the record thereof.

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

Taken in
newly formed
counties.

SECTION 1. That all acknowledgments to any conveyances or other instruments heretofore taken, pending proceedings to determine the legality of any new county detached from another county, by a notary public residing in such new county, but using the seal of and laying the venue in such other county, be and the same are hereby legalized and made of the same validity as though taken in such other county before a notary public residing therein; and the record of such conveyances or other instruments are hereby declared to be legal and valid and effectual for all purposes; *provided*, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to any action or proceeding now pending in any court of this state.

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

Approved April 18, 1905.

H. F. No. 468.

CHAPTER 276.

Co-operative
associations.

An act entitled "An act to amend section 2903 of General Statutes of the State of Minnesota for the year 1894, providing for the organization of co-operative associations and defining their powers."

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

SECTION 1. That section 2903 of the General Statutes of the State of Minnesota for the year 1894 be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows: