

H. F. No. 888.

CHAPTER 306.

State tax
levy.

An act to provide for a levy of taxes for state purposes for the year ending July thirty-first (31st), one thousand nine hundred and six (1906), and July thirty-first (31st), one thousand nine hundred and seven (1907).

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

For 1906.
\$1,200,000.Not to exceed
15-10 mills.

SECTION 1. For the purpose of defraying the expenses of the state for the fiscal year ending July thirty-first (31st), one thousand nine hundred and six (1906), a tax of one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000), or as near that amount as practicable, shall be levied on all the taxable property of the state; *provided* that the tax hereby levied shall not exceed the rate of one and five-tenths (1 5-10) mills on each dollar of taxable property.

For 1907.
\$1,000,000.Not to ex-
ceed 12-10.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of defraying the expenses of the state for the fiscal year ending July thirty-first (31st), one thousand nine hundred and seven (1907), a tax of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), or as near that amount as practicable, shall be levied on all taxable property of the state; *provided* that the tax hereby levied shall not exceed the rate of one and two-tenths (1 2-10) mills on each dollar of taxable property.

SEC. 3. All taxes levied under the provisions of this act, when collected and paid into the state treasury, shall be placed to the credit of the general revenue fund only.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 19, 1905.

H. F. No. 566.

CHAPTER 307.

State Agri-
cultural
Society.

An act to amend section three (3) of chapter one hundred and twenty-six (126) of the General Laws of Minnesota for the year nineteen hundred and three (1903), relating to the membership of the State Agricultural Society.

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

SECTION 1. That section three (3), of chapter one hundred and twenty-six (126), of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota for the year nineteen hundred and

three (1903), be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 3. Its membership, except honorary, shall be confined to citizens of Minnesota and shall hereafter be composed as follows:

First—Three (3) delegates to be chosen annually by each of the county and district agricultural societies in this state, and in case any such society shall fail or neglect to appoint such delegates, then and in that event the president, secretary and treasurer of such society shall by virtue of their offices be members of the said State Agricultural society.

Provided, that if no county agricultural society exists in any county, or any such society shall fail to hold an annual fair, and any city therein shall maintain annually a street fair devoted to agricultural interests, then any three (3) delegates chosen by any such street fair association, or if such street fair association fails or neglects to choose such delegates then the president, secretary and treasurer of said street fair association shall by virtue of their offices be members of the State Agricultural society; and *provided further*, that when there is in any county more than one such fair association, the senior association shall be entitled to such membership; and *provided further*, that all such societies and associations shall maintain an active existence and hold annual fairs and shall have paid out each year the sum of \$300 in premiums and have an annual membership of twenty-five or more members.

Second—One (1) delegate from each county in the state, in which no agricultural society or street fair association exists, which delegate the county commissioners of each such county are authorized to appoint.

Third—Honorary members who by reason of eminent services in agriculture or horticulture, or in the arts and sciences connected therewith, or of long and faithful services in the society, or of benefits conferred upon it may, by a two-thirds (2-3) vote at any of its annual meetings be elected as such.

Fourth—Two delegates selected by, and the presidents ex-officio, of the following societies and associations: State Horticultural society, the State Amber Cane society, the State Dairymen's association, the State Forestry association, the State Poultry association, the State Beekeepers' association, and the Minnesota Stock Breeders'

Membership.

Co. and dist. societies, 3.

Ex-officio members.

Other societies.

Senior society.

Annual fairs.

In case no society exists, Co. Commissioners may appoint one delegate.

Honorary members.

Horticultural, Amber Cane, Dairymen's, Forestry, Poultry, Beekeepers and Stock Breeders' Societies, 2 delegates, and presidents ex-officio, etc.

association, and any other state society or association within the state, having for its object the promotion of any branch of agriculture, horticulture, stock raising, or improvement or mechanics related to agriculture or horticulture.

Fifth—The members of the governing board of said society and its officers shall by virtue of their offices as such be and become members of said society.

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

Approved April 19, 1905.

H. F. No. 576.

CHAPTER 308.

Reimburse-
ment of
certain
taxes.

An act to provide for reimbursing persons who have by mistake paid taxes on railroad lands which were exempt from taxation.

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

Persons
having paid
taxes on
railroad
lands by
mistake,
refunded,
procedure.

SECTION 1. That whenever it shall be made to appear to the board of county commissioners of any county that any person has heretofore by mistake paid taxes on real estate of which he believed at the time of such payment that he was the owner of, which real estate he never owned any right, title or interest therein, and which real estate had never been sold to any person by such railroad company, but was at the time of the assessment and payment of such taxes owned by a railroad company and exempt from taxation, and that such person paid said taxes in good faith believing that he was the owner of such real estate, the said county commissioners shall certify the facts to the state auditor and the latter officer shall, if he is satisfied upon consultation with the attorney general that the facts stated by the petitioner requesting reimbursement are true, authorize the refunding to the person who has paid such taxes the full amount so paid, together with interest thereon from the date of such payment, and thereafter the county auditor shall draw an order for the sum so authorized to be refunded on the county treasurer of said county, to be countersigned and paid as other county orders; the several funds, state, county, town, city and village, school and other shall be charged with their several proportions of the amount so refunded.

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

Approved April 19, 1905.