

treasurer's bond may be any surety company that is authorized to contract as such by the laws of this state, and the cost thereof shall be paid out of the home support fund."

Officers to be elected—salary to be \$1,800.—Sec. 2. That section 1837 of chapter 24, Revised Laws 1905, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"The board shall appoint a secretary, and elect from its members a president, a treasurer of the home, and an executive committee of three. The same person may hold the positions of treasurer and president. The secretary shall record its transactions, and keep books, records and accounts, showing the administration of the soldiers' home and relief funds, and all facts of public interest relating to the home. He shall receive a salary not to exceed eighteen hundred (\$1,800) dollars per year. The state treasurer shall be ex-officio the treasurer of the board. The board shall adopt and enforce rules for the government of the home, and proper by-laws for the conduct of its business and, with the approval of the governor, it may also make rules not inconsistent with this chapter, respecting the admission, maintenance and discharge of inmates, and the disbursements of the funds under its control.

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

Approved April 23, 1907.

CHAPTER 327—H. F. No. 454.

An Act to amend section 2137, Revised Laws 1905, relating to the enforcement of laws relating to communicable diseases.

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

Communicable diseases.—Section 1. That section 2137, Revised Laws 1905, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

2137. **Necessary help—to whom chargeable.**—Every local board of health shall employ, at the cost of the town, county or place in which it exists, when necessary, all medical and other help required for the prevention or suppression of communicable diseases, or for carrying out within its jurisdiction, the

lawful regulations and directions of the state board and its officers and employes; and, upon its failure so to do, the state board may employ such assistance at the local charge. But all persons whose duty it is to care for another infected with a communicable disease, to isolate such patient, or to fumigate or otherwise disinfect any article or place, shall be liable for the reasonable cost thereof to anyone performing such duty, or to any county, town or municipality paying such cost.

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

Approved April 23, 1907.

CHAPTER 328—H. F. No. 561.

An Act to provide for the taxation of mortgages of real property.

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

Mortgage defined.—Section 1. The words “real property,” “real estate” and “land,” as used in this act, in addition to the definitions thereof contained in the Revised Laws 1905, shall include all property a conveyance whereof may be recorded or registered by a register of deeds under existing laws; and the words “mortgage,” as so used, shall mean any instrument creating or evidencing a lien of any kind on such property, given or taken as security for a debt, notwithstanding such debt may also be secured in part by a lien upon personalty. An executory contract for the sale of land, under which the vendee is entitled to or does take possession thereof, shall be deemed, for the purposes of this act, a mortgage of said land for the unpaid balance of the purchase price. No instrument relating to real estate shall be valid as security for any debt, unless the fact that it is so intended and the amount of such debt are expressed therein. But a mortgage given to correct a misdescription of the mortgaged property, or to include additional security for the same indebtedness, shall not be subject to the tax imposed by this act; nor shall a mortgage securing the same and other indebtedness, additional to that upon which such tax has been paid, be taxable hereunder, except for such added sum.

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