

who shall be paid a salary of one thousand dollars per annum, one indexer who shall be paid a salary of one thousand dollars per annum, and one general clerk who shall be paid a salary of one thousand dollars per annum.

Authority of county board.—Sec. 3. The board of county commissioners of each county of this state having, or which may hereafter have a population of not less than 200,000, and less than 275,000 inhabitants, shall authorize the register of deeds of such county to employ such additional clerks, deputies, or employees as may seem just and proper in the performance of the work in said office, and shall fix the compensation to be paid therefor.

Payment of salaries.—Sec. 4. The said salary and compensation shall be paid monthly in the same manner as county officials are now paid, and the same shall be in full compensation for all services rendered by said register of deeds, his deputies, assistants, clerks and employees, respectively in their official capacity.

Certain acts repealed.—Sec. 5. All acts, or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are repealed.

Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 367—H. F. No. 778.

An Act providing for a Reclamation Board, prescribing the duties of such board, and appropriating money therefor.

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

Reclamation board.—Section 1. The governor is hereby authorized, empowered and instructed to appoint a reclamation board of three members to serve without payment for service, whose duty it shall be to select from swamp, stump or cut-over lands belonging to the State of Minnesota ten separate forty-acre government sub-divisions thereof to be appraised, improved and sold as hereinafter provided.

To be certified to state auditor.—Sec. 2. Such selection when made by such board shall be certified to the state auditor and such auditor shall thereupon forthwith proceed to cause the said selections of state land to be appraised in the manner provided by law. After such appraisal the said board shall cause

one-half of each tract so selected to be cleared of trees, brush or stumps or otherwise improved and prepared for cultivation as shall be deemed advisable by such board, and for such purpose the said board is authorized and empowered to enter into such contracts or agreements as are necessary in carrying into effect the provisions of this act.

Detailed report to be made by board.—Sec. 3. Immediately after the clearing and preparation of each such tract the said board shall make detailed report thereof and of the cost of clearing and improving the same, showing the nature and extent of such improvement, and shall file such report in the office of the state auditor. It shall thereupon be the duty of the state auditor as early as may be, to make special public sale of such tract or tracts so reported upon in the manner and upon like notice as is required by law, and like certificate or certificates shall be issued and delivered as in other cases of sale of state lands of like character.

Land not to be sold less than appraised value.—Sec. 4. No such tract of land shall be sold for less than its appraised value, ascertained as herein provided, plus the cost of the improvement of such tract as certified by such board. The terms of such sale, rate of interest on the purchase price, and other details of such sale or the disposition of the proceeds shall be as is provided by law in case of sale of other state lands of like character, and the proceeds of such sale and the interest thereon as the same is paid, shall go to and be credited respectively to the fund or funds to which the purchase price of such lands or to which the interest thereon would be credited under existing law if such sale were made without such improvement.

Payment for clearing.—Sec. 5. Payment for the clearing or improvement of the said lands and of all other costs and expenses incurred in carrying this act into effect shall be made upon certificate of such reclamation board filed with the state auditor. Actual traveling and other expenses shall be allowed to the members of said board in performance of their duties hereunder.

\$8,000 appropriated.—Sec. 6. The sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated for the purposes of this act out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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