

CHAPTER 144—H. F. No. 618.

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 49 of the General Laws of 1907 and to authorize, empower, enable and direct the state board of control to establish, construct, maintain and operate, at the state prison at Stillwater, a factory for the manufacture of binders, mowers, rakes, harvesters, and other articles in the manufacture of which free labor of this state is not employed within this state, and to appropriate money therefor.

WHEREAS, under laws of this state, hitherto duly enacted, it has become the fixed and established policy of this state to make use of the labor or persons imprisoned at its state prison at Stillwater, in the manufacture of twines, binders, mowers, rakes and harvesters, to the extent the same is available therefor or may be feasibly used therein, thus employing the labor of its prisoners in a line of manufacturing not putting the same in competition with the free labor of this state, but

WHEREAS, during each of the legislative sessions of 1909 and 1911, it was attempted, and in this session it is attempted, through the introduction of bills for laws looking to that end, to enact legislation contrary to the policy fixed and established as in the previous paragraph hereof recited legislation obviously looking towards the employment of some part or portion of persons imprisoned at Stillwater at labor necessarily putting the same in competition with certain free labor of this state and, accordingly and necessarily, diverting the same from use in the manufacture of twines, binders, etc.

THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. **Board of control's power to employ free and convict labor in connection with the manufacture of farm machinery at Stillwater.**—That Section 1 of Chapter 49 of the General Laws of 1907, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. The state board of control is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to establish, construct, equip, maintain and operate, at the state prison at Stillwater, a factory for the manufacture of rakes, mowers, harvesters and binders, and the extra parts thereof, and for that purpose to employ, and make use of, prisoners at any time available therefor and as largely as may be, and such but only such skilled laborers as in the judgment of the said board of control and the warden of the state prison may be necessary for the feasible and profitable employment of the said prisoners, provided, however, that said state board of control is hereby also authorized, empowered and directed to employ and make use of the labor of any prisoners available for the purposes aforesaid which may not be at any

time feasibly used therefor, in the manufacture of any other machine or article of commerce not manufactured by free labor employed in this state in the manufacture thereof, and for the purposes of, and to give full effect to, this act, said board of control may use all of, or any part of, not exceeding two hundred fifty thousand dollars of the existing state prison revolving fund created by and existing under Chapter 151 of the Laws of 1909 but provided further that said state board of control shall at all times, in the line of manufacturing herein first authorized and directed, employ and make use of prison labor to the largest extent feasible so far as the same is available.

Approved March 31, 1913.

CHAPTER 145—H. F. No. 681.

An Act to amend Section 777, Revised Laws, 1905, relating to public indebtedness.

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

Section 1. Applying to construction of public drainage ditches.—That Subdivision 3 of Section 777, Revised Laws, 1905, be, and it is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Subdivision 3. Obligations incurred in respect to the construction of public drainage ditches and in acquiring lands for streets, parks, or other public improvements, and payable from the proceeds of assessments levied upon property especially benefited by such ditches or other improvements.

Approved March 31, 1913.

CHAPTER 146—H. F. No. 649.

An Act relating to final examination of accounts of county officers and payment of last month's salary.

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

Section 1. Examination of official records on retirement of official and certificate to be issued to retiring official.—That at the expiration of the term of office of each county official, except that of treasurer, the chairman of the county board shall make examination of the books, records and accounts of such official. The office of the county treasurer shall be examined by the board of auditors as now provided by Section 499, Revised Laws 1905. If the affairs of the several officers are found in proper condition and as required by law, the chairman of the county board,