

**Sec. 15. In case death occurred within jurisdiction of another coroner.**—If, during any proceeding authorized by this act, the coroner finds that death actually occurred within the jurisdiction of another coroner, he shall discontinue further proceedings and hold the body subject to the order of the coroner in whose jurisdiction the death occurred, and he shall immediately notify the coroner having jurisdiction where death occurred, of the main facts in the case, and it shall be the duty of the coroner so notified to immediately institute such proceedings as the law directs had the case come into his hands originally, and all further proceedings shall be held by the coroner of the county in which death occurred.

**Sec. 16. Police authority conferred on coroner.**—Police authority is hereby conferred on the coroner and his deputies.

**Sec. 17. Inconsistent acts repealed.**—All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

**Sec. 18.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 23, 1915.

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#### CHAPTER 273—S. F. No. 710.

*AN ACT to amend Section 5481 General Statutes of Minnesota 1913, so as to authorize the State Drainage Commission to construct and acquire dams and other works for controlling flood waters and to make the laws relating to state ditches applicable thereto.*

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

**Section 1. State drainage commission authorized to construct dams.**—That Section 5481 of the General Statutes of Minnesota, 1913, be, and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

5481. The drainage commission of the State of Minnesota shall have power to construct as hereinafter provided, any ditch, drain or other water course within the State of Minnesota, and such ditch, drain or other water may in whole or in part follow and consist of the bed of any creek, stream, or river, whether meandered or not, and they may widen, deepen, straighten, change, lower or drain the channel or bed of any creek, river, lake or other natural water course, whether navigable or whether meandered or not, and may construct new and additional outlets to any marshy, shallow or meandered lake, for the purpose of draining the same, and may follow and extend the same into or through any city or village within the state far enough to secure a sufficient fall and flow of water to reasonably effectuate the pur-

pose for which the work is extended, and may confine any such creek, river or other natural water course by means of dykes, levees and embankments to its natural or artificial bed, as laid out, *and shall also, whenever it shall appear to its satisfaction that the drainage of any territory may be made more effective by the construction and maintenance of dams, or other works, for retaining and controlling the flood waters tributary to such territory, have the power to construct or acquire such dams or other works, and flowage rights therefor, and to maintain and operate the same;* Provided, that when in any such proceedings the waters of any creek, river or other water course are diverted from their natural bed by such artificial ditch or drain, such ditch or drain shall as nearly as practicable follow the general direction of such creek, river or water course, and terminate therein.

And, provided, further, that no meandered lake shall be drained under the authority of this act, except in case such lake is normally shallow and grassy and of a marshy character or except in case such meandered lake is no longer of sufficient depth and volume to be capable of any beneficial public use of a substantial character for fishing, boating or public water supply. Provided, further, that no meandered lake shall be drained or lowered under the authority of this act unless petitioned for by at least sixty per cent of the legal voters residing within four miles of such lake, who are freeholders, whose lands are affected as shown by the viewers' report and filed in the office of the clerk of the district court of the county in which such proceedings are had."

Sec. 2. All the provisions of law applicable to the laying out, establishing and acquisition of the public works authorized by Section 5481 shall apply to the work authorized by said Section 5481 as amended by Section 1 of this act.

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#### CHAPTER 274—S. F. No. 711.

*An Act providing for the issuance of county bonds to defray the expense incurred in connection with the construction of ditches under Chapter 448, General Laws 1907.*

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

Section 1. **Bond authorized for construction of drainage ditches.**—Where the county board of any county of this state, or the judge of any of the district courts of this state, in pursuance of Chapter 448, General Laws 1907, have located and established, or attempted to locate and establish any ditch, drain or other water course wholly within any county of this state, or partly within one or more counties thereof, and it has been determined by reso-