

paid by the owner when the same is performed at his request; and when made at the request of some other person the cost shall be paid by the owner, if the scale, weight, measure, and weighing or measuring device is found to be incorrect; otherwise by the person making the request. The commission shall have power to fix the fees and expenses for all special services. The sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), together with the sum in the weights and measures fund, is hereby appropriated for the payment of salaries of employes and expenses of said department for the fiscal year ending July 31st, 1915, and Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) annually for the fiscal years ending July 31st, 1916 and 1917, and the same or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allowed and paid by the state, upon the approval of a member of the Railroad and Warehouse Commission, and the state auditor. All monies collected by the department for special services, fees and penalties, shall be paid into the state treasury, and credited to the state revenue fund.

Sec. 2. Salary of commissioner and deputies.—The salary of the Commissioner of Weights and Measures shall be Twenty-five Hundred Dollars (\$2500) per annum, and all deputies not to exceed Twelve Hundred (\$1200.00) Dollars per annum.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after April 1st, 1915.

Approved April 23, 1915.

CHAPTER 282—H. F. No. 406.

An Act to amend Section 2749 of the Revised Laws of 1905 being the same as Section 6017 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for 1913, defining legal fences.

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

Section 1. How barbed wire fences are to be constructed and payment of partition fences.—That Section 2749 of the Revised Laws of Minnesota for 1905 being the same as Section 6017 of the General Statutes of 1913, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

“2749. Legal fences.—All fences consisting of not less than 32-inch woven wire and two barbed wires firmly fastened to well set posts not more than one rod apart, the first barbed wire being above and not more than 4 inches from the woven wire and the second barbed wire being above and not more than 8 inches from the first wire; all fences consisting of not less than 40-inch woven wire and one barbed wire firmly fastened to well set posts not more than one rod apart, the said barbed wire being above and not more than 4 inches from said woven wire; all fences consisting of woven wire not less than 48 inches in height, firmly

fastened to well set posts not more than rod apart; all fences, consisting of not less than four barb wires with at least forty barbs to the rod the wires to be firmly fastened to posts not more than one rod apart, the top wire to be not more than 48 inches high and the bottom wire not less than twelve inches nor more than sixteen inches from the ground; and all fences consisting of rails, timbers, wires, boards, stone walls, or any combination thereof, or of streams, lakes, ditches, or hedges, which shall be considered by the fence viewers as equivalent to any of the fences herein described—shall be deemed legal and sufficient fences. In all cases where adjoining land owners disagree as to the kind of fence to be built on any division line, the matter shall be referred to the fence viewers who shall determine what kind of fence shall be built on such line and shall order such fence built according to law.

Approved April 23, 1915.

CHAPTER 283—H. F. No. 431.

An Act to authorize the reception of abstracts of title as evidence in actions wherein the title to land is in controversy.

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

Section 1. Abstracts of title to be received in evidence.—In any action wherein the title to real property is in controversy, any abstract of title thereof, duly certified by any bonded abstractor or by any Register of Deeds of any county wherein said real property is situated, shall be received as prima facie evidence of all instruments therein referred to, together with the records thereof as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of such County.

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

Approved April 23, 1915.

CHAPTER 284—H. F. No. 585.

An Act defining slander, and fixing the penalty therefor.

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

Section 1. Definition of slander and same declared to be a misdemeanor.—Every person who, in the presence and hearing of another, other than the person slandered, whether he be present or not, shall speak of or concerning any person, any false or defamatory words or language which shall injure or impair the reputation of such person for virtue or chastity or which shall