

lake, stream, or railroad, and the character of the land, what amount, if any, of the timber has been burned, and the extent and character of such burning; the situation of the timber relative to risks from fire or damage of any kind, and the injury which will result in the prospective price that may be obtained in the future by reason of the removal of timber operations contiguous to or in the community of, such tract, thereby leaving such tracts isolated and the value of the timber to the State thereby lessened.

**Sec. 5. False reports declared a felony.**—Every such State Appraiser, who shall make a false report, or insert in any such report a false date, estimate appraisal, valuation quantity or statement of whatever nature; or shall make any such report without having examined the land embraced therein, or without having actually been upon the land; or who in executing his oath of office; or who in stating his qualifications as State Appraiser to the state auditor for the purpose of securing such appointment or who shall insert therein any false statement, shall be guilty of a felony.

**Sec. 6. Inconsistent acts repealed.**—All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved April 5, 1917.

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#### CHAPTER 163—S. F. No. 171.

*An act to legalize certain proceedings heretofore taken for the drainage of lands in certain cases and to legalize county bonds heretofore issued in pursuance thereof.*

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

**Section 1. Certain drainage proceedings and issuance of county bonds legalized.**—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 230 of the Laws of 1905 and the acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto, has located and established or attempted to locate and establish any ditch, drain or water course, wholly within any county of this state or partly within two or more counties thereof, and it has been determined by resolution adopted by said board or order made by said judge that such ditch, drain or water course will be of public utility and promotive of or be conducive to the public health and that the benefits or estimated benefits to be derived from the construction thereof are greater than the total cost, including damages awarded, and such ditch, drain or water course has been actually constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications filed by the engineer therein or of the contract made in accordance with such plans and specifications, or the county has entered into a contract or contracts for the construc-

tion thereof and the county auditor has or the county auditors as the case may be or any of them have executed and filed in the office of the register of deeds the tabular statement provided for in said act, making assessments for the cost of the location, establishment and construction of the same within such county against the lands, corporations and roads benefited thereby and the time for appeals has expired and no appeals have been taken therefrom or from any such proceedings or if such appeals have been taken that the same have been determined before the passage of this act, then the said proceedings and all assessments or liens so levied or attempted to be assessed or levied for the cost of such work, including damages awarded and the bonds of any county heretofore issued in pursuance thereof, are hereby legalized and declared to be valid and in full force and effect.

**Sec. 2. Application.**—This act shall not apply to or effect any actions or appeals now pending in which the validity of such proceedings or such bonds is called in question.

Approved April 7, 1917.

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#### CHAPTER 164—S. F. No. 405.

*An act setting apart and appropriating a revolving fund of \$100,000 for the clearing of state lands, and providing for the use of such fund by the auditor in making and causing to be made such improvement on the lands owned by the State of Minnesota, as provided by Section 2 of Article 8 as amended of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota.*

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

**Section 1. \$100,000 set apart for revolving fund for clearing unsold school and swamp land.**—The sum of \$100,000 is hereby set apart and appropriated from the fund derived from the sale of school and swamp lands. The said sum of money is to be used as a revolving fund and as contemplated by the amended section 2 of article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota in clearing unsold school and swamp land.

**Sec. 2. Auditor to have charge of investment and expenditure.**—The state auditor shall have the charge of the investment and expenditure of the moneys hereinbefore appropriated.

**Sec. 3. State land improvement board to be appointed by Governor.**—The governor shall appoint a state land improvement board of three members, who shall serve without salary, but whose expense shall be paid. This board may be consulted at any time by the auditor and shall, when any land is to be improved under contract, or when any land improved under this act is to be sold, be consulted, and give their approval in writing.