

CHAPTER 323—H. F. No. 631.

An act to amend Section 43, Chapter 204, General Laws of Minnesota 1905, relating to the sale of timber on state lands, defining trespass thereon and prescribing penalties therefor.

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

Section 1. **Statute of limitation not to apply for timber trespass or violating terms of permit or failure to pay for timber removed under permit.**—That section 43, chapter 204, General Laws of 1905 be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

Section 43. The statutes of this state limiting the time for bringing either civil, or criminal actions shall not apply to any action brought by the state for trespass upon any of its lands, or for violating any of the terms of the permit under which timber is removed from state lands, or for failure to pay the state for all the timber removed under any such permit, or to any criminal prosecution instituted under this chapter, and any civil action brought under this chapter may, at the election of the attorney general, be brought in any county in this state.

Approved April 17, 1917.

CHAPTER 324—H. F. No. 632.

An act to establish a state land commission, to investigate state land claims under congressional acts, directing the state auditor to investigate and empowering the said commission to propose terms of settlement of said claims and for the expenditure of moneys for those purposes.

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

Section 1. **Minnesota state land commission created.**—That a commission to be known as the Minnesota state land commission is hereby created, to consist of the governor, attorney general and state auditor. The governor shall be ex-officio chairman, the state auditor shall be ex-officio secretary and shall report to the legislature the findings and conclusions of said commission, as hereinafter directed.

Sec. 2. **To consider and propose terms of settlement of claims.**—This commission shall have power to consider and propose terms of settlement of all claims to the legislature of all differences or controversies that now exist or may hereafter arise between the state of Minnesota and the United States over lands granted to the state of Minnesota by the United States under any act of congress. It may consider and propose terms of settlement of such claims, differences or controversies sep-

arately or in toto. To the end that such settlement or settlements may be carried out and completed, said commission is hereby authorized to accept patents of lands issued by the United States and to reconvey to the United States any state lands which it may by unanimous vote determine should be so reconveyed in order to carry out the provisions of this act, whenever approved by the state legislature.

Sec. 3. Filing and conclusions to be referred to the legislature.—This commission shall refer its findings and conclusions to the legislature for confirmation and no adjustment or settlement of any claim by the commission shall be final until ratified by the legislature. Provided however, that the commission have authority to make final settlement and adjustment of individual claims of settlers or Indian allottees, where the land in question does not exceed 160 acres in area.

Sec. 4. Auditor to report status of all claims against the United States.—The state auditor is hereby directed to report to said commission the status of all claims of the state against the United States for lands patented to the state by the United States under any acts or grants relating to lands; and the status of all claims of the United States against the state for lands alleged to have been wrongfully patented or conveyed to the state by the United States.

Sec. 5. Auditor directed to expend money for clerk hire, traveling, hotel bills, etc.—The state auditor is hereby directed to expend from any fund or funds appropriated for the maintenance of any department of the state auditor's office such sums as may be necessary for clerk hire, expenditure of travel, hotel bills or otherwise as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act. Such expenditures shall be audited by the state auditor and approved by the commission and for such purpose a per diem expenditure may be audited and approved.

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

Approved April 17, 1917.

CHAPTER 325—H. F. No. 633.

An act to amend Section 16, Chapter 204, General Laws of 1905, as amended by Chapter 476, General Laws 1909, relating to the sale of timber on state lands, defining trespass thereon and prescribing penalties therefor.

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

Section 1. 25 per cent of appraised value of timber to be paid at time when sold at public auction.—That section 16, chapter 204, General Laws of 1905, as amended by chapter 476, Gen-