Sec. 2. Violation a misdemeanor.—Any firm, person or corporation violating the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100 for each thirty days' continuance of such violation and it shall be the duty of the railroad and warehouse commission to see that the provisions of this act are enforced, and it may specify the size and number of each kind of troughs to be provided for the different stock yards in the state. And shall enforce the use of such troughs.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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## CHAPTER 232-H. F. No. 478.

An act to validate certain debts contracted and pecuniary liabilities incurred by the authorities of counties of this state, having a population of less than 16,000 inhabitants, in certain cases.

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

Section 1. Certain county debts validated and legalized .----In all cases where heretofore the authorities of any county of this state, having a population of less than sixteen thousand (16,000) inhabitants have in good faith contracted debts or incurred pecuniary liabilities or both, in violation of the provisions of section 2058, of the General Statutes of 1913, and the person or persons so contracting with such authorities, or to whom such pecuniary liabilities were incurred, have in good faith and in reliance thereon fully performed such contracts and furnished full consideration for such pecuniary liabilities, and said county has received and accepted the benefits thereof, and where the claims arising from such transactions have been allowed by the proper authorities of such county, and no appeal taken from the allowance thereof within the time fixed by law, and warrants or orders of such county have been issued therefor, whether such warrants or orders have been paid or not, such transactions are in all respects validated as against the claim or defense that they were in violation of said section 2058.

Sec. 2. Warrants evidence of indebtedness.—In all such cases the allowance of such claims and the absence of any appeal therefrom within the time fixed by law and the issuance of warrants or orders therefor shall be prima facie evidence of each of the facts made conditions to the validating thereof as in section 1 of this act provided.

Sec. 3. Construction.—This act shall not be construed to affect any action now pending wherein such claim or defense is involved, nor the rights or liabilities of any of the parties thereto or parties indirectly affected by the result of such action.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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