

to include ordinary street signs in cities or villages. The provisions of this act shall not be construed as prohibiting the placing or use of automobile trail signs on the public highways, where such automobile trail signs are without written or printed directions thereon.

Sec. 5. **Violation a misdemeanor.**—Any person who violates any of the provisions of this act or who destroys, defaces or mutilates any highway guide post or sign hereafter erected in accordance with the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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

Approved April 25, 1919.

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CHAPTER 485—H. F. No. 894.

*An act to amend Chapter 327, Laws 1917, relating to sale of timber on state lands and regulating the issuance of permits.*

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

Section 1. **Permit for cutting timber during logging season and markings.**—That chapter 327, Laws 1917, be amended to read as follows:

Upon the delivery and filing of the duplicate receipts mentioned in the preceding section, the auditor shall issue a permit to such purchaser, in a form approved by the attorney general, by the terms of which he shall be authorized to enter upon the land, and to cut and remove the timber therein described, according to the provisions of this chapter. Such permit shall be correctly dated and executed by the auditor, and signed by the purchaser. *Such permit shall cover one or more logging seasons as the board of timber commissioners shall specify, and the timber shall be cut and removed within the time specified therein.* Not more than one section or fractional section of land, according to the government survey, shall be described in any one permit, and no permit shall be issued to any person other than the purchaser in whose name the bid was made. The permit shall state the amount of timber estimated to be thereon, the estimated value thereof, and the price at which it is sold, or the price per thousand feet, in case it is sold by the thousand feet, and shall specify the bark, end or other mark to be used. A separate bark, end or other mark shall be used on the timber cut under each permit, and, if the permit covers more than one season, it shall specify a separate mark to be used each season. It shall provide that the purchaser shall place the specified mark upon every piece of timber cut, and also plainly upon the end thereof the stamp mark MINN, and, that, in case of any failure to place the stump mark upon any such piece, the state shall have the right to take possession of the same wherever found. It shall contain such other provisions as may be necessary to secure to the state the title of all timber cut there-

under, wherever found, until full payment thereof, and until all provisions of the permits have been fully complied with. It shall also provide that all timber standing on the land and sold shall be cut; that the same shall be cut clean, acre by acre, without damage to other timber; that the purchaser agrees to remove all timber whether it be log timber or any other timber of value, unless specifically withheld under the terms of sale, and that timber sold by board measure, determined by the state auditor as not convertible into board measure may be paid for by the piece upon a graduated scale based upon the size, species, or value of each piece or cord, as may be determined by the state timber board; that the purchaser shall pay to the state the permit price for all timber, including timber which he fails to cut and remove, and the amount of fees of the surveyor general; and that he shall, in writing, notify the surveyor general for the district, and also the auditor, at least fifteen days before any cutting is done, at what time such cutting will begin; at least fifteen days before any timber is removed from the land, at what date such removal will begin.

It shall provide that the purchaser shall make a report in writing to the state auditor under oath, enumerating and stating the amounts of timber cut under such permit; the kinds of timber removed and the amounts of each in board feet per piece, in cords, or any other dimension, in the manner and forthwith whenever so required by the state auditor. The permit shall further state that a false return made contrary to the provisions of the permit shall constitute a gross misdemeanor and be punished as such, and such return when wilfully made is hereby declared to be a gross misdemeanor, and shall be punished at such. The permit shall state that the state auditor shall have power to order suspended all operations under the permit and any timber cut or removed during the period of suspension is hereby declared to be cut in trespass. The permit shall further state that the timber board may cancel the permit at any time when in its judgment the conditions thereof have not been complied with, and such cancellation shall constitute repossession of the timber by the state. The purchaser shall have ninety days within which to remove his equipment from such land. The permit shall further state that if the purchaser at any time fails to pay any obligation to the state under all or any other permits, this, any or all other permits may be cancelled as hereinbefore provided for. The permit shall also state that any timber removed in violation of the terms of the permit or any law shall constitute trespass. A provision shall be contained in the permit that the statute of limitations shall not prevent the bringing of an action growing out of any violation of any provision, either civil or criminal, of this act, and no statute of limitations shall so operate. The permit shall state that the timber board reserves the right to change the bark end or other marks of identification from time to time as may be expedient, which

the purchaser must place upon all timber purchased from the state. The state board of timber commissioners, state forester, attorney general, or state auditor are hereby specifically empowered to enforce all provisions and all conditions contained in any timber permit executed pursuant to the provisions of this act. Any permit failing to conform to the requirements of this section shall be void on its face. All permits shall be filed for record with such surveyor general.

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

Approved April 25, 1919.

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CHAPTER 486—H. F. No. 895.

*An act to amend Subsection 4, Section 1, Chapter 400, Laws 1913, fixing the salaries of certain state officers and employees.*

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

Section 1. Salaries of assistants in state auditor's office.—That subsection 4, section 1, chapter 400, Laws 1913, be amended to read as follows:

4. State auditor, forty-six hundred dollars; deputy auditor, twenty-seven hundred and fifty dollars; accountant, *twenty-four hundred dollars*; warrant clerk, eighteen hundred dollars; clerk of investment board, eighteen hundred dollars; stenographer, twelve hundred dollars; additional clerks, such sum as the auditor shall prescribe not exceeding in all *thirteen thousand seven hundred forty dollars*; assistant land clerk, fifteen hundred dollars; additional land clerks, such sum as the auditor shall prescribe not exceeding in all fifty-four hundred dollars; mineral land clerk, *twenty-one hundred dollars*.

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

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CHAPTER 487—H. F. No. 899.

*An act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 242, Laws of Minnesota 1919, relating to the salaries, expenses and allowances of county commissioners.*

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

Section 1. Salaries of county commissioners in certain counties.—That section 1 of chapter 242, Laws of Minnesota 1919, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Each commissioner shall receive from the county in full for all his services an annual salary as follows:

In counties whose assessed valuation does not exceed two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000), the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).