

## CHAPTER 41—H. F. No. 55.

*An act empowering the railroad and warehouse commission to make a physical valuation of the property of public stock yards, and appropriating moneys therefor.*

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

**Section 1. Valuation of public stock yards.**—The railroad and warehouse commission, hereinafter designated the commission, shall whenever it deems the same necessary for the purpose of establishing and fixing a reasonable schedule of charges and prices for driving, watering, feeding, yarding, weighing and caring for stock and for every kind of service performed by any public stock yards, pursuant to chapter 461, General Laws 1919, determine the value of all the property of any public stock yards devoted to public use, and shall after notice to the companies operating such public stock yards, hold such public hearings as will give all interested parties a chance to furnish evidence and be heard. For the purpose of this act the commission is authorized to appoint engineers, examiners, experts, clerks, accountants and other assistants as it may deem necessary at such rates of compensation as it may prescribe.

In the discharge of their duties such appointees shall have every power of any inquisitorial nature granted in this act to the commission. The commission may conduct any number of investigations contemporaneously through its individual members or appointees, and may delegate to its individual members the taking of all testimony on any investigation or hearing.

**Sec. 2. Statement to be filed.**—It shall be the duty of the commission at all times to keep up the physical valuation of the property of public stock yards and for this purpose may require a detailed statement showing the changes in the physical conditions of the properties of any stock yards company. Such statement shall be filed each year at such time as the commission may direct, and shall be verified by the president, chief engineer, or the proper accounting officer of such stock yards company.

**Sec. 3. Appropriation.**—For the purpose of making the valuation herein provided, there is appropriated out of the general revenue fund not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), to be available January 1st, 1920.

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

Approved September 22, 1919.