

Section 1. Trusts and combinations in restraint of trade prohibited.—That section 5168, Revised Laws 1905, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 5168. No person or association of persons shall enter into any pool, trust agreement, combination, or understanding whatsoever with any other person or association, corporate or otherwise, in restraint of trade, within this state, or between the people of this or any other state or country, or which tends in any way or degree to limit, fix, control, maintain or regulate the price of any article of trade, manufacture, or use bought and sold within the state, or which limits or tends to limit the production of any such article, or which prevents or limits competition in the purchase and sale thereof, or which tends or is designed so to do; *provided, however, that it shall be lawful for any person, firm corporation, or association of persons conducting or carrying on a lawful business, to purchase the business and property of a competitor and thereafter consolidate such business and the property used in connection therewith under the sole management of and control of the purchaser if, before such purchase and consolidation, the Attorney General of this State shall, after hearing duly had upon notice to all persons interested, find and determine that such consolidation will not unreasonably limit and restrain the production and sale of an article of trade, commodity or service, and will not be detrimental to the public interest.* Every person violating any provision of this section, or assisting in such violation, shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars nor more than five thousand dollars, or by imprisonment in the state prison for not less than three nor more than five years.

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

Approved April 13, 1923.

CHAPTER 252—S. F. No. 768.

An act to amend Subdivision 9 of Section 294, General Statutes Minnesota, 1913, as amended by Chapter 499 of the Laws of 1921, relating to the salaries of the superintendent of banks and of his deputies, assistants and employes.

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

Section 1. Fixing salaries of employes in office of superintendent of banks.—That subdivision 9 of Section 294, General Statutes of Minnesota 1913, as amended by Chapter 499, General Laws for 1921, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

"9. Office of Superintendent of Banks.

"Superintendent of banks, forty-five hundred dollars; one deputy superintendent of banks, *four thousand dollars*; one examiner in charge of liquidation, *thirty-seven hundred fifty dollars*; one bank examiner assigned to examination in cities of the first class, *thirty-seven hundred fifty dollars*; ten bank examiners *thirty-thousand dollars*; eleven assistant examiners, *twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars*; three second assistant examiners *fifty-four hundred dollars*; three examiners' clerks, *forty-five hundred dollars*; four examiners' clerks, at an amount not to exceed *fifty-six hundred dollars*; one chief clerk, *twenty-four hundred dollars*; one first assistant clerk, *fifteen hundred dollars*; seven stenographers and clerks, *eighty-two hundred eighty dollars*; one extra clerk hire for contingencies, *one thousand dollars*.

Sec. 2. **Inconsistent acts repealed.**—All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

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

Approved April 13, 1923.

CHAPTER 253—S. F. No. 1193.

An act conferring additional authority upon the Minnesota rural credit bureau in connection with making farm loans in certain cases.

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

Section 1. **Powers of Minnesota rural credit bureau in certain cases.**—Whenever application for a farm loan is made by a farm owner to the Minnesota Rural Credit Bureau and the applicant shall be found to be entitled to receive a loan under the provisions of chapter 225, Laws 1923, known as the Minnesota Rural Credit Act, and shall further show to the satisfaction of the bureau that he is an honorably discharged veteran of the War with Germany, that he was a citizen of the state of Minnesota at the time of his enlistment or induction or at the time of the taking effect of this act, that he served on active duty as a part of the military or naval forces of the United States at some period between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918, that he has been recognized by the United States Veterans' Bureau as suffering from disabilities incurred in such service and that he is pursuing or has completed a course of vocational training in agriculture under direction of said Veterans' Bureau, the bureau hereby is authorized and empowered to loan to such applicant an amount not exceeding 66-2/3% of the total appraised value of the improvements on such farm without regard to the appraised value of the farm; provided, that no such loan shall be made in excess of \$3000, and provided further that except