

any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to said board for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the Act.

Approved April 18, 1927.

CHAPTER 251—H. F. No. 179.

An act relating to the election and terms of town treasurers and town clerks.

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

Section 1. **Term of office town clerk.**—At the 1928 annual town meeting, and every two years thereafter, there shall be elected a town clerk whose term of office shall be two years, and until his successor is elected and qualified.

Sec. 2. **Term of office of town treasurer.**—That at the 1929 annual town meeting, and every two years thereafter, three shall be elected a town treasurer, whose term of office shall be two years, and until his successor is elected and qualified.

Approved April 19, 1927.

CHAPTER 252—H. F. No. 350.

An act defining unfair discrimination in the purchase of certain farm products, prohibiting such discrimination and providing a punishment therefor.

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

Section 1. **Definitions.**—The following words, terms and phrases shall, for the purpose of this act, be given the meanings hereinafter subjoined to them.

Sec. 2. **Definitions.**—(a) The term "person" means an individual, firm, copartnership, corporation or association.

(b) The term "farm products" as used in this act shall mean and include butter, milk, cream, butterfat, cheese and other dairy products, honey, eggs, poultry, and all livestock and products of livestock such as wool, mohair, hides and meats.

Sec. 3. **Discrimination prohibited.**—Any person engaged in the business of buying any such farm products for manufacture or sale thereof, who shall discriminate between different sections, localities, communities, cities or villages of this state by purchasing any such farm products at a higher price or rate in one locality than is paid for such farm products of the

same kind quality and grade by such person in another section, locality, community, city or village, after making due allowance for the difference, if any, in the actual cost of transportation from the locality of purchase to the locality of manufacture or sale, shall be deemed guilty of unfair discrimination, which is hereby prohibited and declared to be unlawful. It shall not be unfair discrimination for any person to pay, in any section, locality, community, city, or village, a price equal to that actually paid on the same day by any bona fide competitor in such place for farm products of the same kind and grade, provided such price is paid in good faith effort to meet such competition, and the burden of proving such facts shall be upon the defendant.

Sec. 4. Payment of higher price to be prima facie evidence of violations.—Proof that any person has paid a higher price for any such farm products in one section, locality, community, village or city than in another, after due allowance for the cost of transportation has been made, shall be prima facie evidence of violation of this act.

Sec. 5. Commissioner of agriculture to enforce act.—The Commissioner of Agriculture, his deputy, assistants, inspectors, agents and employes shall enforce the provisions of this act and in so doing shall have all the powers conferred upon them and each of them by the provisions of Chapter 21 A, General Statutes 1923, and all other laws heretofore enacted.

Sec. 6. Commissioner to investigate complaints.—If complaint shall be made to the Commissioner of Agriculture that any person is guilty of unfair discrimination defined by this act, he shall investigate such complaint and the Commissioner of Agriculture may also upon his own initiative investigate whether or not this statute has been violated, and in either event for that purpose he may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, take testimony, and if in his opinion sufficient ground exists therefor he may prosecute an action in the name of the state, in the proper court, to annul the act of incorporation or the existence of a corporation engaged in such business practice. If any corporation is adjudged by any court guilty of unfair discrimination as defined by this act such court may vacate the charter or revoke the authority of such corporation to do business in this state and may permanently enjoin it from transacting business in this state.

Sec. 7. Violations—penalties.—Any person violating the provisions of Section 3 of this act shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than \$50.00 for each offense, or, in default of the payment of such fine, by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than three months nor more than one year.

Sec. 8. Limitations.—The authority hereby extended to the Commissioner of Agriculture shall be considered as duties only and shall not be construed to preclude any prosecuting officer or any party interested from instituting proceedings, civil or criminal, for the enforcement of any of the provisions of this act.

Sec. 9. Construction.—Nothing in this act shall be construed as repealing any other act or part of any other act, but the remedies herein provided shall be cumulative to all other remedies provided by law.

Approved April 19, 1927.

CHAPTER 253—H. F. No. 444.

An act to amend Section 900, General Statutes 1923, relating to abstracts of title.

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

Section 1. Abstracts of title.—That Section 900, General Statutes 1923, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"900. The register, upon being paid his lawful fees therefor, shall make out under his certificate and seal, as the same appears of record or on file in his office, and deliver to any person requesting the same:

A. A full and perfect Abstract of Title to any real estate together with all encumbrances, liens and instruments in any manner affecting such title.

B. A continuation of any Abstract of Title, to any real estate that has been certified to by any official Abstractor of his county within ten days after such request.

C. An Abstract of Title to any real estate together with all encumbrances, liens and instruments in any manner affecting such title from a certain date to a given date, within ten days after such request.

D. An Abstract of Title to any real estate covering encumbrances and liens, only, affecting such title between any two given dates, within ten days after such request."

Approved April 19, 1927.

CHAPTER 254—H. F. No. 480.

An act relating to assessments against stockholders of state banks and trust companies.

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