

tion, shall have the power to subpoena witnesses, to administer oaths and to compel the production of books, papers, records and other evidence. Witnesses shall receive the same fees and mileage as in civil actions. Disobedience of any subpoena in such proceeding, or contumacy of a witness, upon application of said Board, may be punished by the District Court in the same manner as if the proceeding were pending in such court.

Sec. 5. May receive money or other property.—The State Board of Health, for the purpose of assisting in the performance of its duties hereunder, may receive and accept any money, property, or services, or any form of cooperation from any person, firm, corporation, municipal corporation, the State of Minnesota, or any of its departments or officers, or any other state, or the United States.

Sec. 6. Other departments to furnish assistance.—The Commission of Administration and Finance may, upon request of the State Board of Health, by order, require any department of State, or state officer, to furnish such assistance to the State Board of Health in the performance of its duties, or the exercise of its powers hereunder, as the said Commission may in said order designate or specify and, with the consent of the department concerned, said Commission may charge or assign all or part of the cost or expense or amount of such assistance to such departmental fund or appropriation as the Commission may deem just and proper.

Sec. 7. Inconsistent acts repealed.—All acts or parts of acts in any manner inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Approved April 19, 1927.

CHAPTER 274—S. F. No. 633.

An act relating to the payment of indemnity for encumbered diseased animals when killed by public authority.

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

Section 1. Indemnity for encumbered animals.—Whenever any animal is condemned and killed by the State of Minnesota or any subdivision thereof, pursuant to law, and indemnity is provided therefor, and such animal is subject to a mortgage or other lien and written notice of such lien is given by the lienholder to the board or officer, whose duty it is to order payment of such indemnity, before such indemnity is ordered paid, then such lien shall attach to the indemnity to the same

extent that it attached to the animal and the indemnity shall be payable to the owner and the lienholder.

Provided, that if the owner and lienholder shall execute and deliver to said board or officer, on blanks to be furnished by said board or officer, a written agreement providing for the distribution and payment of such indemnity, payment thereof shall be made as specified and directed in said agreement, a copy of which agreement shall be transmitted by said board or officer to the officer by whom payment is to be made; otherwise said indemnity shall be placed in the custody of the district court of the county in which the animal was condemned, in the manner provided by Section 9262, General Statutes 1923, for the deposit of moneys claimed adversely by two or more persons, and the state or subdivision thereof shall be relieved from further liability on account thereof.

Approved April 19, 1927.

CHAPTER 275—S. F. No. 661.

An act authorizing the destruction of certain county vouchers, files, records and papers in certain cases.

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

Section 1. **County Auditors may destroy certain papers.**— That the auditors of the several counties be and they hereby are authorized, with the consent and approval of their county boards, to destroy the following vouchers, files, records and papers of their offices at the time and under the conditions herein specified:

1. Claims and vouchers paid by the county more than 20 years prior to such destruction;
2. Receipts for taxes paid more than 20 years prior thereto;
3. Treasurers' checks paid more than 20 years prior thereto;
4. Receipts for mortgage registration taxes paid more than 20 years prior thereto;
5. Miscellaneous receipts, delinquent tax statements and miscellaneous papers and correspondence bearing dates more than 20 years prior thereto;
6. With the written approval of the comptroller, county warrants paid more than 20 years prior thereto; and
7. All ballots and election returns, except the abstract of the county canvassing board, six years after the date of the election.