

one deputy clerk who shall be paid the sum of \$2,060.00 per annum; six deputy clerks who shall each be paid the sum of seventeen hundred (\$1,700.00) dollars per annum; twelve deputy clerks who shall be paid the sum of \$1,800.00 per annum; two deputy clerks who shall each be paid the sum of \$1,600.00 per annum; one deputy who shall be paid the sum of \$1,700.00 per annum; one deputy who shall be paid the sum of twenty-two hundred (\$2,200.00) dollars per annum; one deputy clerk who shall be paid the sum of \$2,205.00 per annum; two deputy clerks who shall each be paid the sum of \$2,000.00 per annum; three deputy clerks who shall each be paid the sum of \$1,600.00 per annum."

Sec. 2. This act shall be in force and effect from and after the 1st day of April 1929.

Approved April 24, 1929.

CHAPTER 360—H. F. No. 1023

An act to amend Section 19, General Laws 1925, Chapter 407, relating to the disposition of slashings and other inflammable refuse and debris in forest areas.

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

Section 1. Forester may require slashings and debris to be disposed of.—That Section 19, General Laws 1925, Chapter 407, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 19. Where and whenever in the judgment of the forester or any district ranger there is or may be danger of starting and spreading of fires from slashings and debris from the cutting of timber of any kind and for any purpose, or from any accumulation of sawdust, shavings, chips, bark, edgings, slabs, or other inflammable refuse from the manufacture of lumber or other timber products, the forester or district ranger shall order the person by or for whom the said timber or timber products have been or are being cut or manufactured to dispose of such slashings, debris, or refuse as said state employe may direct. Where conditions do not permit the burning of the slashings debris or refuse over the entire area so covered, the forester may require such person to dispose of the same in such

a way as to establish a safe fire line around the area, requiring such protection, the said fire line to be of a width and of a character satisfactory to the forester, *or otherwise to dispose of the same so as to eliminate the fire hazard therefrom.*

When any person who has been directed by the forester or district rangers to dispose of *such slashings, debris, or refuse* fails to comply with such directions, the said person shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and costs of prosecution; and each day during which such failure to comply with said requirements of the forester continues shall be deemed a separate and distinct violation of this act, but any number of such offenses may be prosecuted as separate counts of one charge or information.

When any such slashings, debris, *or refuse* are not disposed of or are left unattended, contrary to the instructions of the forester or district ranger, the forester or any district ranger or patrolman may go upon the premises with such force of men as may be necessary and burn or otherwise dispose of *the same*, and the expense thereof shall be a lien upon the land on which they are situated and upon all contiguous lands of the same owner, and also upon all logs and other timber products cut *or manufactured* upon all said lands. Such lien shall have the same effect and may be enforced in the same manner as a judgment in favor of the state for money. An itemized statement verified by the oath of the forester or district ranger of the amount of such costs and expenses incurred in burning or otherwise disposing of such slashings, debris, *or refuse* shall be filed, within ninety days from the time said disposal thereof is completed, in the office of the register of deeds of the county in which said timber *or timber products were cut or manufactured*; and the amount of such lien shall also be a valid claim that may be *collected* in a civil action from the person who cut *or manufactured* the wood, timber, *or timber products* from which the said slashings, debris, *or refuse* were *produced*. Any moneys so collected shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the forest service fund.

Any person who cuts or fells trees or bushes of any kind in clearing land for any road bed or right-of-way for any railroad, highway, or trail shall in the manner and at the time as above prescribed burn the slashings and all combustible material, except fuel and merchantable timber which shall be promptly removed.

Any person who cuts or fells trees or bushes of any kind in clearing land for any purpose is hereby prohibited from setting fire to the slashings, brush, roots, or excavated stumps or other combustible

material on such land and letting the fire run; but the same must be disposed of pursuant to the regulations or directions of the forester.

Any contractor who enters into a contract for the construction of a public road or other work, which involves the cutting or grubbing of woods, standing timber, or brush, shall pile in the middle of the right-of-way all the slashings and debris so cut or grubbed therefrom and shall burn and dispose of such slashings and debris without damage to adjoining timber or woods, which burning shall be done in a manner and at a time satisfactory to the forester; provided, however, that the foregoing provision shall not prevent the leaving of such trees along roads as will be useful for ornamental and shade purposes, and which will not interfere with travel.

Every contract made by or on behalf of any municipality or political subdivision of this state, which involves the cutting of any timber on the right-of-way of a public highway, shall provide in terms for compliance with the foregoing provision, but that the failure to include such provision in the contract shall not relieve said contractor from the duty to burn and dispose of said slashings as aforesaid.

In all cases not herein provided for, where timber is cut in, upon or adjoining any forest land and no specific directions are given by the forester or district ranger for the disposal of slashings and debris resulting therefrom, all such slashings and debris within two hundred feet of any adjoining timber land or (and) any public highway, railroad, portage, or lake shore, shall nevertheless be piled in separate and compact piles ready for burning, which piling shall be done by the person by or for whom such timber was cut *within fifteen days after such timber was cut, and such person shall thereafter make such further disposition of such slashings and debris as the forester or district ranger may direct.*

No sawdust, shavings, chips, bark, edgings, slabs, or other inflammable refuse from the manufacture of lumber or other timber products shall be made or deposited upon any public highway, portage, railroad, or lake shore, or within one hundred feet thereof.

Approved April 24, 1929.

CHAPTER 361—H. F. No. 1064

An act relating to the taxation of the property, including motor vehicles, of companies taxed on gross earnings basis.

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