

case, the welfare of society does not require that he shall suffer the penalty imposed by law for such offense so long as he shall thereafter be of good behavior, and at any time after the imposition of sentence in all cases where the sentence imposed is to a county jail, work farm or workhouse, any such court of this state shall have like power upon application of a prisoner and after notice to the county attorney. Before suspending sentence in any such case the court may require an investigation and a written report concerning the previous history and conduct of the offender by the county probation officer where such officer is provided by law and, in those counties or districts having no county probation officer, but in which the services of state *parole and* probation agents are available, by such state *agent*. For the information of the court the chairman of the state board of parole shall advise the clerk of court in each county in the district to which a *parole and* probation agent has been assigned, of such appointment and that services of such state agent are available to the court.

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CHAPTER 262—H. F. No. 724

An act relating to bounties on certain wild animals; repealing Minn. Sts. 1941, Sections 348.07, 348.08, 348.09, 348.10, 348.11, and 348.14.

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

Section 1. Bounty for wolf or fox. Subdivision 1. Every person who shall kill a wild wolf in this state, not having at the time spared the life of any other such wolf which he could have killed, shall, upon compliance herewith, be rewarded in the sum of \$15.00 for each adult wolf and \$6.00 for each cub.

Subd. 2. Every person who shall kill a wild fox in this state, not having at the time spared the life of any other such fox which he could have killed, shall, upon compliance herewith, be rewarded in such sum as the board of county commissioners of the county in which the fox is killed may have determined and established for each adult and cub fox.

Subd. 3. Wolf bounties, and fox bounties where appropriate county action has been taken, shall be paid from the county treasury, which treasury shall be reimbursed by the

state from the general revenue fund, in full for all wolf bounties and to the extent of 50 per-cent for all fox bounties provided such reimbursement shall not exceed \$2.00 for each adult fox and \$1.00 for each fox cub.

Subd. 4. Any wolf or fox killed before September 1st of the year in which it was born shall be deemed to be a cub.

Sec. 2. Produce pelt or carcass. Subdivision 1. Within 30 days after the killing, the claimant shall produce the entire pelt of the adult wolf or fox, or the entire carcass of the wolf or fox cub, for which bounty claim is made, to a state game warden, game refuge patrolman, or authorized agent, and make his verified statement as to the details of the killing upon such form as shall be prescribed by the Commissioner of Conservation and furnished by him.

Subd. 2. If such warden, patrolman, or agent be satisfied of the correctness of the statements, or has verified its correctness by going to the place where the animal was alleged to have been killed, he shall seal or otherwise identify the pelts or carcasses in such manner as the commissioner may prescribe, and shall sign his approval to the payment of bounty upon the statement. All animals produced at any time may be included in one statement, which shall be in triplicate.

Subd. 3. When the statement has been signed by the warden, or patrolman, or agent, two copies shall be presented by the claimant to the county auditor who shall issue to claimant a warrant upon the county treasurer for the sum due. The auditor shall further certify by endorsement upon both copies of the statement that the foregoing provisions of this section have been complied with, stating also the number, date and amount of each warrant issued. The county auditor shall then transmit one of the copies of the statement and a copy of the warrant to the state auditor, requesting reimbursement therefor.

Sec. 3. Prohibition and penalty. Every person who shall fraudulently claim or obtain any reward for the killing of a fox or a wolf, or issue any fraudulent or unauthorized certificate or warrant therefor, or claim reward upon a wolf or fox which he has in any way protected or upon any tame or captive wolf or fox which he has protected or harbored, either full-blood or crossed, or upon the offspring of any wolf or fox which he theretofore protected or harbored, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor and punished by a fine of not less than \$100.00 or more than \$1,000.00, or imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 90 days or more than one year.

Sec. 4. **Repeal.** Minn. Sts. 1941, Sections 348.07, 348.08, 348.09, 348.10, 348.11, and 348.14, are hereby expressly repealed.

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CHAPTER 263—H. F. No. 766

An act to authorize county boards of certain counties to establish and maintain reserve building and maintenance funds and to levy taxes therefor.

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

Section 1. Certain counties may establish reserve building fund. The county board of any county in this state now or hereafter having an assessed valuation of \$250,000,000 or more and a bonded indebtedness not exceeding \$500,000, is authorized to establish and maintain a reserve building and maintenance fund and to levy an annual tax of one-quarter of a mill on all the taxable property of the county for such purpose. Such levy shall be in addition to any maximum rate of taxation for county purposes now fixed by law or by any board of tax levy or other corresponding body.

Sec. 2. Limitation on use. The proceeds of any such levy or levies shall be kept in a fund to be known as the county reserve building and maintenance fund, shall not be transferred or apportioned to any other fund and shall be used for no purpose other than the construction and maintenance of such county buildings as are now or hereafter may be authorized by law to be constructed or maintained by the county.

Sec. 3. Maximum amount. The maximum amount in said fund at any one time shall not exceed \$300,000 and said fund may be replenished from time to time to cover expenditures therefrom by annual levies as hereinbefore provided.

Sec. 4. Duty of county board. The county board of any such county is authorized to make expenditures from said fund for the purposes for which it is established.

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