

Subd. 3. **Rodents.** "Rodents" includes such rodents as rats, gophers, mice, and others which the *commissioner* may designate as danegrous to the welfare of the people.

Subd. 4. **Diseases.** The term "Diseases" refers to such dangerous plant diseases and bee diseases as the *commissioner* may designate as dangerous to agriculture, horticulture, and forestry.

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CHAPTER 553—H. F. No. 1018

An act relating to soil conservation; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 40.03, Subdivision 3; 40.05, Subdivisions 1 and 3; 40.06, Subdivision 2; 40.13.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 40.03, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Officers; quorum; bonds.** The committee shall designate its chairman, and may annually, from time to time, change such designation. A member of the committee shall hold office so long as he shall retain the office by virtue of which he shall be serving on the committee. A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum, and the concurrence of a majority in any matter within their duties shall be required for its determination. The *ex officio* members of the committee shall receive no compensation for their services on the committee, but shall be entitled to expenses, including traveling expenses, necessarily incurred in the discharge of their duties on the committee. The other members of said committee shall receive \$15 per day for each day while engaged in the performance of their official duties and shall be reimbursed for all expenses, including traveling expenses necessarily incurred in connection with their duties as members of said committee. The committee shall provide for the execution of surety bonds for all employees and officers who shall be entrusted with funds or property; shall provide for the keeping of a full and accurate record of all proceedings and of all resolutions, regulations, and orders issued or adopted. The public examiner shall annually audit the books of the committee.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 40.05, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

40.05 Three supervisors elected for each district.

Subdivision 1. Within 30 days after the date of issuance by the secretary of state of a certificate of organization of a soil conservation district, or such further time as the state soil conservation committee may allow, nominating petitions may be filed with the state soil conservation committee nominating legal voters as candidates for election as supervisors of such district, one for a term to expire at the time of the third annual town election in March and one to expire at the time of the fourth succeeding town election, and one to expire at the time of the fifth succeeding town election in March. Each petition must be subscribed by *one* or more legal voters of the district. No person shall sign petitions nominating more than three candidates and if he does his signature shall not be counted on any petition. The committee shall give due notice of the time and place where the election of three supervisors shall be held in the district, and shall specify therein the names of all candidates and the terms for which nominated. The committee shall prepare ballots for such election with the surnames of the candidates printed thereon in alphabetical order for each term and a square before each name and a direction to insert an X mark in the square before three names with different terms to indicate the voter's choice. All legal voters shall be eligible to vote at such election. The three candidates who shall receive the highest numbers respectively of the votes cast at such election shall be the elected supervisors for the district. In case of a tie, the election shall be determined by lot, under the direction of the committee. The committee shall supervise such election, pay all the expenses thereof, prescribe the regulations governing the same, determine the eligibility of voters and publish the results.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 40.05, Subdivision 3, is amended to read :

Subd. 3. After the effective date of Laws 1943, Chapter 274, all elections except that provided for the organization of the district, in subdivision 1, shall be held at the time and place of holding the annual spring town meeting and the town election officers shall act as the officers of the soil conservation district election. Election of supervisors of the soil conservation district shall be by separate ballot. Nominating petitions conforming to the rules stated in subdivision 1 shall be filed with the secretary of the soil conservation district at least ten days before the time of holding the town meeting. The ballots for use at the election shall be prepared by the secretary of the conservation district and delivered to the town clerk and shall conform to the rules in subdivision 1 so far as applicable. All laws relating to town elections shall govern. The county audi-

tor shall canvass the returns and certify the result to the state soil conservation committee, and if the soil conservation district embraces land in more than one county the state soil conservation committee shall canvass the results of the election and publish the result.

Provided, that whenever a soil conservation district is located within a town which is unorganized, or which has been dissolved, or *where a district is composed entirely of unorganized territory*, and where no town meetings or town elections are held, the election of supervisors for any such district shall be held annually on the day when annual spring town meetings and elections of town officers in organized towns are held. The governing body of any such soil conservation district shall designate by resolution the time and place when the annual election will be held, and the secretary of such district shall give posted notice stating the time and place of holding such annual election. All laws relating to town elections and giving notice thereof shall govern. All provisions of law relating to the term of office, the election of supervisors of a soil conservation district, the nominating petitions therefor, and the canvassing and certifying of election returns shall govern. The governing body of any such soil conservation district shall annually appoint three judges and one clerk who shall act as such at the annual election, and who shall receive as compensation for their services the same as judges and clerks of town elections, which compensation shall be audited and paid in the same manner as other expenses of such soil conservation districts.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 40.06, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Chairman.** The supervisors shall elect a chairman to act during their pleasure. A supervisor shall hold office until his successor has been elected or appointed and has qualified. Vacancies in the office of supervisor appointed by the state committee, for an entire term or an unexpired term, shall be filled by the state committee. A majority of the supervisors shall constitute a quorum and the concurrence of a majority in any matter within their duties shall be required for its determination. A supervisor shall receive such compensation for his services as the committee may determine, and he shall be entitled to expenses, including traveling expenses, necessarily incurred in the discharge of his duties to be paid by the county of which the supervisor is a resident, upon approval by the committee, and the sum so paid shall be reimbursed by the committee out of funds available therefor; *provided that a supervisor shall receive as reimbursement for*

the use of his own automobile in the performance of his duties, 7½ cents per mile to be allowed and paid as above prescribed.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 40.13 is amended to read:

40.13 **State agencies to cooperate.** Agencies of this state which shall have jurisdiction over, or be charged with the administration of, any state-owned lands, and of any county, or other governmental subdivision of the state, which shall have jurisdiction over, or be charged with the administration of, any county-owned or other publicly owned lands, lying within the boundaries of any district organized hereunder, shall cooperate with the supervisors of such districts in the effectuation of programs and operations undertaken by the supervisors under the provisions of this chapter. The supervisors of such districts shall be given free access to enter and perform work upon such publicly owned lands.

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CHAPTER 554—H. F. No. 1066

[Coded]

An act relating to animal and poultry slaughtering, packing and processing plants; amending Laws 1955, Chapter 494, Section 2.

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

Section 1. Laws 1955, Chapter 494, Section 2, is amended to read:

Sec. 2. 31.52 **Licenses.** No person shall operate or maintain a slaughter house, sausage plant, poultry packing plant, poultry dressing plant, rabbit packing plant or rabbit dressing plant or operate as a processor unless first licensed by the commissioner. Applications for licenses are made on forms provided by the commissioner, and he may cause the place to be inspected before granting the license. If the commissioner finds that the applicant maintains a proper place and equipment he shall issue a license to him. Licenses expire on June 30, following their issue. Licenses are renewed annually on July 1. The annual fee is \$5. Applications for renewal should be filed on or before June 30. If filed after that date a penalty of \$2.50 is charged.

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