

as possible thereafter make its order or decree affirming, modifying or reversing said order of the probate court so appealed from and making such other or further provision concerning such feeble-minded person as his own or the public welfare may require.

"A certified copy of such order or decree of the district court shall be immediately transmitted with said original probate files to said probate court which shall be governed accordingly. No charge shall be made nor costs allowed against the board of control or the state on such appeal.

"Section 8A. Upon the request of the relatives or friends of any person alleged or found to be feeble-minded they may be permitted to take charge of such person; but in such case the state board of control may require and approve a bond from such relatives or friends, running to the state, in a penal sum of not less than five hundred nor more than five thousand dollars, conditioned that such feeble-minded person shall be safely and adequately cared for and kept by the said relatives or friends and that they will indemnify and hold harmless the state and all political subdivisions, institutions and agencies thereof, from expense of any nature arising or resulting from any act or misconduct of such feeble-minded person committed while in their care."

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 13, 1923.

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#### CHAPTER 261—H. F. No. 886.

*An act to amend Chapter 444, Session Laws of 1919, as amended by Chapter 78, Session Laws of 1921, relating to the establishing of a department of agriculture, providing for the appointment of a commissioner and defining his powers and duties.*

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

Section 1. Department of agriculture.—Chapter 444, Session Laws of 1919, as amended by Chapter 78, Session Laws of 1921, is hereby further amended so as to read as follows:

"Chapter 78, Section 1. There is hereby created a Department of Agriculture for the State of Minnesota. Said Department shall be in charge of a Commissioner to be known as the "Commissioner of Agriculture", who shall be appointed by the Governor for the term of four (4) years; shall receive a salary of forty-five hundred (\$4500) dollars per annum, and before entering upon the duties of his office shall take and subscribe the oath required of state officials and give his bond to the State of Minnesota, to be approved by and filed with the Secretary of State for the sum of five thousand (\$5000) dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties. He shall be provided with a suitable office

and equipment at the seat of the government, and shall have authority to appoint a deputy at a salary not to exceed four thousand (\$4000) dollars per annum, and such other assistants, clerks and employes as occasion may require, and fix their compensation.

**Sec. 2. Powers and duties.**—The Commissioner of Agriculture shall:

(a) Encourage and promote the development of agricultural industries, investigate marketing conditions affecting the marketing of farm products, and assist farmers, producers and consumers in the organization and management of cooperative enterprises and the cooperative marketing of farm products; advise and assist in the location and establishment of local markets whenever the Commissioner of Agriculture determines that the public necessity or the welfare of the community requires such markets, provided he shall be satisfied that such markets will be successfully operated by a cooperative company or municipality, and it shall be the duty of the Minnesota State Department of Agriculture and the Minnesota University Department of Agriculture to cooperate in all ways that may be beneficial to the agricultural interests of the state. It is the intent of this act that police and organizational powers in reference to agriculture shall be exercised by the State Department of Agriculture and that the University Department of Agriculture shall retain its present powers and duties relating to obtaining and disseminating agricultural information and conducting agricultural research, and shall retain custody of scientific collections.

(b) Collect, compile and supply statistics and information in regard to the agricultural products of the state and agricultural industries, *and to attain this result he shall cause to be made a complete farm census at least once in two years, and may do so annually if deemed advisable, and is authorized to have made and supplied to the COUNTY auditors of the several counties, suitable blanks to be used by the assessor in each precinct upon which to make the returns required by the Commissioner, and in cases where a county assessor is employed, said blanks may be supplied to such assessor and the said county and local assessors are hereby required as a part of their duties to fill out such blanks according to instructions, and when returned to the county assessor or the county auditor shall be forwarded to the Commissioner of Agriculture to be used by him to compile for distribution in suitable form to persons engaged in agriculture.*

(c) Cooperate with the United State Department of Agriculture and with other federal authorities, with financial agencies created to assist in the development of agricultural resources of the state, and so far as practicable, may utilize the facilities provided by the existing state departments and the various state and local agricultural organizations.

**Sec. 3. Commissioner of Agriculture to enforce acts.**—The Commissioner of Agriculture is authorized, if upon investigation he is satisfied that the laws of the state, *relative to any laws now or hereafter to be placed within his jurisdiction*, have been violated, to cause to be instituted in his own name as Commissioner or in the name of the state, actions in the proper court, to secure punishment of the guilty party; and if the party complained against is a corporation, to secure the cancellation of their authority and the annulment of their corporate existence, if a domestic corporation; or, if a foreign corporation, the forfeiture of their license to do business in this state.

**Sec. 4. Attorney General to advise Commissioner.**—The attorney general is hereby required to assign a deputy to act as advisor for the Commissioner of Agriculture, and to institute and maintain the actions herein provided for, when sufficient evidence is available to warrant the institution of such proceedings.

**Sec. 5. Commissioner to publish information.**—*The Commissioner of Agriculture is also authorized to publish, from time to time, such marketing or other information as may be deemed necessary to the welfare of agriculture, and to that end he shall have authority to investigate marketing or other conditions relating to agriculture in this and in other states, and to make said investigations public in such manner as shall in his judgment be most effective.*

**Sec. 6. Biennial report.**—The Commissioner shall biennially, on or before the second Tuesday in December in each even numbered year, submit to the Governor and the legislature a report of his department with such recommendations and suggestions as the interests of agriculture and foods and marketing conditions require.

**Sec. 7. Inconsistent acts repealed.**—All acts and parts of act inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

**Sec. 8.**—This act shall take effect and be in force from and after May 31st, 1923.

Approved April 13, 1923.

#### CHAPTER 262—H. F. No. 219.

*An act to amend Section 4 Chapter 263 Session Laws 1917 as amended by Chapter 285 Session Laws 1921 and Sections 5 and 7 of Chapter 263 of the Session Laws 1917, relating to a court of conciliation and small debtors court for the city of Minneapolis.*

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

**Section 1. Jurisdiction of conciliation court.**—That Section 4, Chapter 263, Session Laws 1917, as amended by Chapter 285 Session Laws 1921, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows: