

CHAPTER XXXV.

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER THIRTY-EIGHT, TITLE ONE OF THE GENERAL STATUTES IN REFERENCE TO THE PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE PUBLIC LANDS OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

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

SECTION 1. That chapter thirty-eight, title one of the general statutes, relating to the protection and management of the public lands of Minnesota is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections :

Sec. 53. That in addition to the penalties provided for in this title, against those committing trespass upon any of the lands owned or held in trust or otherwise by this state, the state auditor, by virtue of his office as commissioner of the land office, is hereby authorized and empowered, without legal process, to seize and take or cause to be seized and taken any and all lumber [timber,] wood, grass or other property unlawfully severed from the said lands, whether the same has been removed from said lands or not and may dispose of the property so seized and taken, either at public or private sale, in such manner as will be most conducive to the interests of the state and all moneys arising therefrom, after deducting the reasonable and necessary expenses of such seizure and sale, shall be a part of the permanent school fund and shall be invested in accordance with the provisions of this title.

Sec. 54. That for the purpose of determining the title to any property seized and taken under the provisions of the preceding section, the commissioner of the land office is hereby authorized and empowered to defend any and all actions that may be brought for that purpose and to do and perform those things necessary to protect the interests of the state.

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

Approved March 4, 1874.