

CHAPTER 97.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE MANNER OF COLLECTING TAXES
BY COUNTY TREASURERS.*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

SECTION 1. The county treasurers of the different counties of the State, shall not be compelled to visit different localities in their counties for the collection of taxes, except as directed by the county commissioners of their counties.

Relating to
collection of
taxes in towns.

SEC. 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

When act to
take effect.

Approved February 26, 1877.

CHAPTER 98.

AN ACT RELATING TO FENCES AND GATES ALONG RAIL-
ROAD TRACKS, AND FOR PROTECTING THE SAME.*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

SECTION 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, without lawful authority, to break down or carry away any part of any fence, bars or gates, or plank used for a crossing over any railroad track, or to break down, destroy or injure any hedge, ditch, or other structures used or intended as a fence to enclose any railroad track.

Protecting
fences, gates,
ditches, &c.

SEC. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person, using any gate or bars, or opening the same for any purpose at any railroad crossing, to permit any animal to stray upon any railroad track or right of way enclosed, or to leave such bars down or gate open so that animals might stray or go upon such railroad track, or to lead, drive or turn upon such track any animal for the purpose of grazing or any other purpose.

Relating to
gates or bars at
private cross-
ings.

SEC. 3. That any person guilty of offending against the provisions of the first and second sections of this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction, shall be fined

Penalty for offenses.

not less than ten [dollars] (\$10) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50) for each offense, and shall also be adjudged in case such fine is not then and there paid, to be imprisoned for a time to be designated by the court, of not exceeding thirty (30) days, in the common jail of the county.

When railroad companies free from liability for killing stock.

SEC. 4. Whenever any gate shall be erected by any railroad company at any farm crossing, for the exclusive use of any owner of land, such company may provide a lock for the same, and deliver the key to such owner or the tenant or the occupant of such land: and if such gate shall thereafter be opened whereby cattle or other animals shall get upon such railroad track and be injured or killed, unless maliciously or wantonly done by such railroad company or its employees, such company shall not be liable to the owner of such injured animals for such damage.

Penalty for walking on railroad bridges.

SEC. 5. It shall be unlawful for any person without authority, on foot or with any animal or vehicle, to enter upon any railroad bridge or trestle in this State; and any person violating the provisions of this section shall be liable to pay a fine, not more than fifty dollars (\$50), or to be imprisoned in the county jail not more than sixty (60) days.

Malicious damage to railroads—how punished.

SEC. 6. It shall be unlawful for any person, without authority, to take away, loosen, displace, cut, break, or injure any part of any railroad track, bridge, trestle, locomotive, car, or any railroad machinery or appurtenances, and any person violating the provisions of this section shall be liable to a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or to be imprisoned in the State prison not more than one (1) year, and in addition, shall be liable to damages in favor of the company injured for any damage caused by any of said acts; or in case death or injury to any person is caused by the commission of any of the unlawful acts named in this section, the party offending, on conviction, shall be punished as provided by law for unlawfully or maliciously causing death, or such injury as may so occur to any person.

SEC. 7. Any person offending against any of the provisions and sections of this act, shall be deemed to have acted wilfully, maliciously, and without authority, unless he be an officer, or employee, or person acting under the authority of the railroad company operating any such road, acting in the proper discharge of his duties.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 3. 1877.