

ten (10) of chapter two hundred and one (201) of the special laws of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven (1877), commence or institute any suit or proceeding against any person resident of this state, living upon and holding any such land under or by virtue of the homestead or pre-emption laws of the United States, or shall institute or commence any such suit or proceeding for the purpose of barring such person of or from any right, title or claim, or demand in or to any such land, or for the purpose of declaring the title to be in any such railroad company, and in all cases of the character aforesaid now pending in any of the courts of this state or of the United States, upon the application of the defendant in any such suit or proceeding, it shall be the duty of the attorney general of the state, or of some attorney employed by the attorney general and at the expense of the state, to defend such suit or proceeding.

When act to
take effect.

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

Approved March 7, 1885.

CHAPTER 177.

AN ACT DECLARING DOGS TO BE PERSONAL PROPERTY.

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

Declared to be
personal prop-
erty.

SECTION 1. All dogs owned or kept by any person for domestic or personal use, or for pleasure, are hereby declared to be personal property within the purview and meaning of the criminal laws of this state, and the laws of this state relating to larceny and malicious mischief or injury shall be construed to embrace and apply to said animals.

When act to
take effect.

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

Approved March 2, 1885.