

CHAPTER 54.

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION SEVENTY (70) OF CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOUR (124), STATUTES OF ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHT (1878), AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER FORTY-FOUR (44) OF GENERAL LAWS OF ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE (1883), RELATING TO TIMBER CULTURE.

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

SECTION 1. That section seventy (70) of chapter one hundred and twenty-four (124), general statutes of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878), as amended by chapter forty-four (44), general laws of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three (1883), be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 70. That every person who has heretofore or who shall hereafter plant and cultivate one (1) acre and not more than ten (10) acres of prairie land with any kind of forest trees except black locust and keep the same in a thrifty and growing condition for a period of six (6) years, and every person who shall plant, cultivate, protect and keep in a thrifty, growing condition one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) mile or more of such forest trees along any public highway, shall be entitled to receive compensation at the rate of three (3) dollars annually for each acre of grove planted, and two (2) dollars annually for each half mile of such line of trees for the period of six (6) years. To entitle any person to compensation under this act for trees planted by the acre, such person shall plant or grow not less than twenty-seven hundred (2,700) trees on each acre in the first instance and cultivate, maintain and keep in a thrifty, growing condition at least thirteen hundred (1,300) trees on each acre during the first and second years next succeeding the year of planting and maintain in a thrifty and growing condition for the remaining three (3) years thereafter not less than six hundred (600) trees on each acre and to entitle any person to compensation for the planting, protecting, cultivating and maintenance of trees along the public highway, such person shall plant the trees not more than eight (8) feet apart, cultivate the same the first (1st) and second (2d) years after the year of planting and maintain the same in a thrifty, growing condition, not more than eight (8) feet apart for the remaining three (3) years; *Provided*, That the planting of cuttings or sowing of seed shall be construed to be a planting of trees within the meaning of this act, but no person shall

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receive compensation for the year in which such cuttings are planted or tree seeds are sown, and the years succeeding the sowing of such tree seed and planting of cuttings shall be construed to be the six (6) years for which compensation is granted under this act; *Provided also*, That this act shall not apply to any railroad company planting trees within two hundred (200) feet of its track, nor to any person planting trees in compliance with the requirements of the act of congress entitled an act to encourage the growth of timber on western prairies, approved March third (3d), one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three (1873), or an act amendatory thereof.

When act to take effect.

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

Approved March 5, 1885.

CHAPTER 55.

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-SIX (246) OF TITLE EIGHTEEN (18) OF CHAPTER SIXTY-SIX (66) OF GENERAL STATUTES OF ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHT (1878), RELATING TO CIVIL ACTIONS.

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

SECTION 1. That section two hundred and forty-six (246) of title eighteen (18) of chapter sixty-six (66) of the general statutes of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878) is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

When civil actions may be referred to a referee—how referee compensated.

Third (3d). That whenever, in the opinion of the presiding judge of a district court in this state, a press of business makes the same advisable and necessary, such judge, counsel consenting thereto, may make an order referring any civil action or proceeding of a civil nature (except an action for divorce) to a referee for trial and judgment or for any one or more of the purposes named in this title, and the fees of such a referee, after being taxed by the judge making the order of reference, shall be paid on the order of said judge out of the state treasury as salaries of state officers are now paid. Said judge shall state as a part of said order of reference that in his opinion the press of business makes such reference advisable.

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.