

CHAPTER 226.

(S. F. No. 305).

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE WORK OF THE GEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SURVEY OF THE STATE.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the state geologist to make practical and actual tests by drilling or digging or other excavations in the earth such as he shall deem best suited to accomplish the purpose of this bill, for the discovery of any of the hidden mineral resources of the state, such as iron, copper, silver, gold, coal, gas, coal oil, common salt or any other valuable material that he may deem likely to exist in any of the rock strata of this state.

Geological and natural history survey.

SEC. 2. In determining the localities at which such testing and exploring shall be done, he shall be guided by such geological facts as he may possess or obtain which may indicate the existence of any of the substances of which it is the purpose of this act to discover. He shall also be guided by the proportionate amount of money that the owner or owners of the land on which such explorations may be proposed shall contribute to pay the cost of such exploration.

Localities in which surveys shall be made.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the state geologist to report at once to the board of regents all discoveries either of economic or scientific interest to the state that may be made by such testing and exploration; such report shall be published by the board or regents in the same manner as now provided for the publication of the annual reports of the geological and natural history survey of the state, and shall be paid for out of the same sum provided. That any important mineral discoveries or other scientific contributions to the geological and natural history survey that the said state geologist may deem necessary for immediate publication shall not be suppressed until the regular report of the board of regents, but shall be issued from time to time under the direction of said state geologist.

Shall report at once to board of regents.

SEC. 4. That the sum of five thousand (5,000) dollars for the year A. D. 1887, and the sum of five thousand (5,000) dollars for the year A. D. 1888, is hereby appropriated out of any monies not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expenses of said test. The investigations provided for in this act shall not be conducted in the interest of any mining company or corporation.

Appropriation.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

When act to take effect.

Approved March 8th.