

H. F. No. 517.

CHAPTER 317.

\$595.50
appropriated
for J. W.
Northfield.

An act to appropriate money to reimburse J. W. Northfield for supplies furnished the Minnesota National Guard at its encampment at Lake View in July, 1896, and for expenses incurred in attempting to collect the same.

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

SECTION 1. The sum of \$595.50 or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay for the supplies furnished to the national guard, be and the same is hereby authorized to be paid by the Minnesota National Guard out of any funds heretofore appropriated to said national guard, to reimburse J. W. Northfield for supplies furnished by him to the Minnesota National Guard at its encampment at Lake View, Minnesota, in the month of July, 1896; said amount to be paid by the adjutant general of said national guard.

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

Approved April 23, 1897.

H. F. No. 682.

CHAPTER 318.

State
drainage
commission.

An act entitled an act to create a board of state drainage commissioners and prescribe its duties.

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

Commission
to comprise
3 members
appointed by
the governor.

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a board to be styled a board of drainage commissioners of the state of Minnesota, consisting of three (3) members who shall be appointed by the governor of the state and whose terms of office shall be three (3) years. Said board shall serve without compensation other than the actual expenses incurred.

Control of all
state
drainage
ditches, and
report
condition to
county com-
missioners.

SEC. 2. Said board shall have the care, custody, control and supervision, except as herein otherwise provided, of all drainage ditches in this state constructed pursuant to chapter two hundred and twenty-one (221) of the general laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three (1893) and chapter one hundred and sixty-four (164) of the general laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five

(1895). Said board shall cause all of said ditches to be inspected annually by a competent engineer to be by it employed, and shall make report to the board of county commissioners of the respective counties in which said ditches are situated the condition thereof; and shall also furnish to said county commissioners a detailed statement of all repairs and work necessary to be done to preserve said ditches from injury and to make them efficient drains and preserve them from a growth of weeds or accumulation of debris.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the board of county commissioners of every county in which such ditches or drains are located to cause said ditches to be repaired and placed in a condition prescribed by the said board of state drainage commissioners within sixty (60) days after report of such inspection shall be filed with the county auditor of said respective counties.

County commissioners to keep ditches in repair.

Any expense thereof shall be paid out of the general county fund.

SEC. 4. There is hereby appropriated out of the general revenue fund of the state the sum of five hundred (500) dollars for each of the years eighteen hundred and ninety-seven (1897) and eighteen hundred and ninety-eight (1898), or so much thereof as shall be necessary during each of said years for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act.

Appropriation.

All expenses of said commission shall be audited by said board and paid out of the state treasury upon the warrant of the state auditor.

Expenses of commission.

The state board shall have power to do all acts necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the board of county commissioners of (the) respective counties to protect and keep in repair said ditches, and they are hereby authorized to do such work as shall be necessary therein in addition to such work as shall be prescribed by the said state board.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 23, 1897.