

known, its successors and assigns, as fully and effectually as if a specific grant thereof had been made to such enlarged district, unless the school district from which such territory was taken or its successors in interest shall prior to Jan. 1, 1904, commence a civil action to establish its claim to the said real property or an interest therein.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. No action for the recovery of any such real property, or of the possession thereof, or of any interest therein shall be maintained by any school district from which the same was taken or its successors in interest unless such action shall have been commenced prior to Jan. 1, 1904.

Such action to be taken prior to Jan. 1, 1904.

SEC. 3. The term school district in this act shall mean and include all school districts, common, independent or special.

School district defined.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 14, 1903.

CHAPTER 221.

H. F. No. 339.

An act to establish and maintain farmers' institutes in Minnesota, and to appropriate money therefor.

Farmers' institutes.

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

SECTION 1. That the sum of eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000) shall be and is hereby annually appropriated beginning with the fiscal year ending July 31, 1904, for the maintenance of farmers' institutes to be held in the several counties of this state as hereinafter provided.

Appropriations.

SEC. 2. That the average cost of said farmers' institutes to be paid out of such appropriation shall not exceed the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150), and in such expenditures shall only be included as legitimate and necessary the board and traveling expenses of the instructors and a reasonable compensation for their services. The salary of the superintendent and his traveling and needful expenses, together with the cost of the necessary outfit of models, charts, outlines, etc., and the expenses consequent upon doing preliminary work, preparatory to the holding of these institutes, shall not be included in calculating this average cost.

Average cost.

SEC. 3. It is hereby provided that none of these moneys shall be expended for hall rent, fuel, lights, local

advertising nor compensation for services of instructors other than those regularly employed.

Board
of admin-
istration.

SEC. 4. That a board of administration shall be and is hereby created to superintend the execution of this act, and on and after August 1st nineteen hundred and three (1903) said board shall be constituted as follows:

Three (3) members of the board of regents of the University of Minnesota, to be selected by said board of regents; the president of the state agricultural society, the president of the state dairy association and the president of the state horticultural society.

SEC. 5. Each member of the board of regents, aforesaid, shall hold his office for the period of his regency unless otherwise changed by an act of the board of regents of the University of Minnesota. The president of the said agricultural society shall hold his office for three years from the first day of August nineteen hundred and three (1903), the president of the state dairy association shall hold his office for two years from the first day of August, nineteen hundred and three (1903).

The president of the state horticultural society shall hold his office for the period of one year from the first day of August nineteen hundred and three (1903).

Successors,
president,
secretary.

When the periods of office of the president of the state agricultural society, the president of the state dairy association and the president of the state horticultural society shall have expired, then the presidents of such societies as named who may have been elected as presidents shall become their successors in office to hold such offices for the period of three years, said board of administration may select one of its number as president thereof, and one of their number as secretary.

State super-
intendent.

SEC. 6. This board of administration is hereby empowered by a majority vote thereof to appoint a suitable and competent person as state superintendent of farmers' institutes. The superintendent's term of office shall commence on August first, nineteen hundred and three (1903) and shall continue for two years subject to the discretion of the board of administration.

Board to
arrange an-
nual insti-
tutes, time
and
place of
holding,
audit
accounts.

SEC. 7. The board of administration shall in conjunction with the superintendent arrange the institute circuits to be held annually, determining the times and places where such institutes shall be held during each year, and shall audit the accounts as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 8. The duties of the superintendent of farmers' institutes shall be as follows, viz.: To superintend the several institutes when located as herein provided; to engage competent instructors therefor; to receive, examine and report upon all bills for expenses and services payable from established appropriation; and at the end of each fiscal year to make a detailed report of all farmers' institutes held under his direction with an itemized account of all expenditures under this act during the year last past to said board of administration.

Duties of superintendent.

Report.

SEC. 9. That the expense of such institutes together with the salary of said superintendent, which is hereby fixed at fifteen hundred (1500) dollars per annum, and the necessary expenses of his superintendence, and all other money named in this act shall be paid out of said institute fund by the state treasurer upon warrants issued by the state auditor, which warrants shall only be drawn upon the certificate of the superintendent of institutes, approved by the president of the board of administration.

Salary and expenses paid out of institute fund.

SEC. 10. That said board of administration is hereby empowered to act as an auditing board, and shall receive and audit reports and accounts of said superintendent as aforesaid at the close of each fiscal year. Such auditing by said board shall be final. Subsequent to such auditing all vouchers and accounts so approved by said board of administration including the report of the superintendent as called for in this act shall be filed in the office of the state auditor.

Auditing board.

Vouchers and report filed with state auditor.

SEC. 11. That said board of administration shall cause to be published annually a hand book of practical agriculture for free distribution among the farmers of this state. Said book shall be called a "Farmers' Institute Annual," and the necessary expenses for such publication shall be met out of the appropriation herein made. All accounts for said annual shall appear in the annual report made as hereinbefore provided.

Farmers' institute annual publication.

SEC. 12. In arranging for such farmers' institutes, they shall be held so far as possible at times and places when most convenient to the farmers of this state; each meeting shall continue for not less than one day nor more than three days, with morning, afternoon and when practicable, evening sessions; each shall be free to the public and each shall consist of practical and instructive lectures upon topics pertaining to the farm and home, with inci-

Institutes held conveniently to farmers.

Object.

dents and addresses, discussions and illustrations of such methods and practices as possess real merit and are adapted to the conditions of our agriculture; the sole object and purpose of these institutes being to disseminate practical knowledge upon questions pertaining to agriculture, horticulture, stock and dairy farming with the least expense and inconvenience to the people of the state.

Expenditure
prior to
Aug. 1 not
to be construed a
deficiency.

SEC. 13. It is hereby provided that the expenditure of moneys for institute expenses which may be made prior to August first of any fiscal year from a fund already provided as due August first of the fiscal year following shall not be construed as a deficiency fund; provided also that the fund then to be due has already been appropriated by the act of legislature. By this section the needs of the institute's seasons can be met and be made to harmonize with the fiscal year of the state.

SEC. 14. All acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 15. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 14, 1903.

H. F. No. 439.

CHAPTER 222.

Abandonment of
wife or
children.

An act to prevent the abandonment and neglect of wife or children of persons charged by law with the maintenance thereof; to make such abandonment and neglect unlawful; and to prescribe the punishment therefor.

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

Jurisdiction of
case.

SECTION 1. On complaint being made to any justice of the peace or judge of any municipal court by the wife of any person accusing such person of wilfully omitting without lawful excuse to furnish proper food, clothing and shelter, or suitable care in case of sickness, to his wife or minor child under fifteen years of age, the justice or judge shall take such complaint in writing, under the oath of such wife, and shall thereupon issue his warrant against the person accused, directed to the sheriff or constable of his county, commanding him, forthwith, to bring such accused person before the justice or judge to answer such complaint.

Title of
action.

SEC. 2. The justice or judge shall enter an action in his docket in which the State of Minnesota is plaintiff