

of the same validity as though taken before a notary public or other officer authorized to take such acknowledgments in the State of Minnesota, and the records of such conveyances or other instruments are hereby declared to be legal and valid and effectual for all purposes; *provided*, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to any action or proceeding now pending in any court of this state.

Not to apply to actions pending.

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

Approved April 14, 1903.

### CHAPTER 229.

H. F. No. 609.

*An act to determine salaries of county treasurers and county auditors in counties of this state having a population of more than seventy-five thousand (75,000) and less than one hundred thousand (100,000), and to determine the amount to be appropriated for clerk hire in the offices of such treasurers and auditors by the county commissioners of such counties.*

Salaries of county treasurers and auditors in counties of over 75,000 and less than 100,000, and clerk hire.

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

SECTION 1. In each county of this state having at any time a population of more than seventy-five thousand (75,000), and less than one hundred thousand (100,000), as shown by the United States census then last taken, the county treasurer thereof shall receive as annual compensation for his services as such treasurer the sum of three thousand (3,000) dollars, to be paid in the manner and at the times provided by the laws of this state relating to the compensation of county treasurers; and the county auditor of such county shall receive as annual compensation for his services as such auditor the sum of thirty-five hundred (3,500) dollars, to be paid in the manner and at the times provided by the laws of this state relating to the compensation of county auditors.

SEC. 2. The board of county commissioners of such county is hereby authorized to appropriate out of the general funds of such county for paying clerk hire in the office of such county treasurer such sum as they shall deem expedient, not exceeding the sum of nine thousand (9,000) dollars per annum. And such board is also hereby authorized to appropriate out of the general funds of

such county for clerk hire in the office of such county auditor such sum as they shall deem expedient, not exceeding the sum of fifteen thousand (15,000) dollars per annum.

SEC. 3. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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

Approved April 14, 1903.

H. F. No. 300.

## CHAPTER 230.

Tree  
bounty.

*An act to amend section seven thousand eight hundred fifty-nine (7859), General Statutes of Minnesota, eighteen hundred ninety-four, relating to paying bounty for tree planting.*

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

SECTION 1. That section seven thousand eight hundred fifty-nine, General Statutes of eighteen hundred ninety-four, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Who en-  
titled to  
bounty.

SEC. 2. That any person who has heretofore or shall hereafter plant, cultivate and keep in a growing, thrifty condition one acre and not more than ten acres of prairie land with any kind of forest trees, except black locust, and shall plant, or have planted, said trees not more than twelve feet apart each way, and maintain them at that distance by replanting each year any that may die, shall be entitled to compensation at the rate of two dollars and fifty cents per acre for a period of six years. *Provided*, that this act shall not apply to any railroad company planting trees within two hundred feet of its track, nor to any person planting trees in compliance with an act of congress entitled: "An act to encourage the growth of timber on Western prairies," approved March three, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, or any act amendatory thereto; *provided, further*, that this act shall not apply to any person who has received bounty under said section seventy.

Not railroad  
companies  
nor under  
U. S. tree  
claim  
entry.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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