

CHAPTER 278.

S. F. No. 101.

An act to prevent pilfering grain, flaxseed or other property from any car or sweeping any car while in transit, or on any track of any railroad, or in any railroad yards, or on any siding in the State of Minnesota.

Prevents stealing from cars.

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

SECTION 1. That any person, not the owner or his agent, or having charge of a car for the purpose of loading the same, who takes from any railroad car while the same is in transit, or in the yards, or on any siding or any track of any railroad in this state, any grain or flaxseed, or sweeps any railroad car while in transit or standing on any railroad track in this state, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100) or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Guilty of misdemeanor.

Punishment.

SEC. 2. That on the trial of any defendant charged with the violation of section 1 of this act it shall not be necessary to show that defendant is not in the employ of the railroad company or acting under its authority in doing the acts complained of, but the fact of the sweeping of any car shall be prima facie evidence that such sweeping was in violation of section 1 of this act. But the defendant may prove as a complete defense, that he was the owner of the property taken or his agent or that he was in the employ of the railroad company having charge of the car swept.

Fact to be prima facie evidence.

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

Approved April 18, 1903.

CHAPTER 279.

S. F. No. 409.

An act to legalize the formation and organization of school districts in certain cases, and to validate, confirm and ratify the acts of such districts in the issuance of bonds, and to legalize and validate the same.

Legalizing formation of school districts.

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

SECTION 1. That all common school districts in this state which have been formed and set apart by the board

Defining cases affected.

of county commissioners of any county or counties, and which subsequent to such formation have attempted to organize and have elected officers and held meetings, and have since and are now acting in all things as though they were legally formed and organized, be and the same are hereby declared to be legal and duly formed, constituted and organized common school districts for all purposes, notwithstanding any irregularities in the posting of notices, prior to the formation by the county commissioners, or subsequent thereto, for purposes of organization, and irregardless of the number of places in which said notices have been posted, or the places themselves, or the number of signers of such notices.

Bonds not
deemed in-
valid.

SEC. 2. That all bonds issued or attempted to be issued by any school district or school districts described in section one (1) of this act, which have been issued and sold prior to the passage of this act, shall not be deemed invalid or affected by any omission or irregularity of procedure on the part of the officers of the county or of the electors of such school districts, in the matter of formation and organization, but that the said bonds shall be and are hereby declared valid and binding obligations of the districts issuing and selling the same. *Provided*, that this act shall not apply to bonds in process of litigation.

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

Approved April 18, 1903.

S. F. No. 367.

CHAPTER 280.

Terms of
court in
18th district.

An act to amend section two (2) of chapter three hundred and seventy-nine (379) of the General Laws of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven (1897), being an act for the establishment of a new judicial district to be known as the Eighteenth (18th) judicial district, to fix the date for holding court therein, and otherwise to regulate the same in connection with the Fourth judicial district.

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

SECTION 1. That section two (2) of chapter three hundred and seventy-nine (379) of the General Laws of