

CHAPTER 304--H. F. No. 870.

An Act to aid in the establishment of consolidated rural schools, and to appropriate money therefor.

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

Teacher and assistant.—Section 1. From any moneys hereafter appropriated from the state treasury to carry out the provisions of this act to be distributed to the first fifty consolidated rural schools established, equipped and conducted so as to meet the following named conditions, to-wit:

(a) Said consolidated rural school district shall contain not less than sixteen nor more than thirty-six square miles of territory.

(b) There shall be a continuous tract of ten acres of land secured as the property of the district, upon which there shall be erected a substantial building containing not less than four rooms, including one practice room.

(c) There shall be employed a principal teacher, who is qualified to teach the elements of agriculture as determined by such tests as shall be required by the state superintendent of public instruction, in addition to the requirements for the teacher of a state graded school. There shall also be employed at least one assistant teacher who shall be qualified to teach home economics, as determined by such tests as shall be prescribed by the state superintendent of public instruction, in addition to the requirements for an assistant teacher in a state graded school. Such other assistants shall be employed as are necessary to properly instruct the pupils in the school.

(d) Adequate provisions for conveying the pupils to and from said school shall be provided by said district.

(e) Said lands shall be properly divided into areas for playgrounds, for the planting of trees, crops, and ornamental plants, and shall be so used and managed as to best serve as a means of instructing the pupils of said schools in farming and home making, and shall be under the immediate management of the principal, with such supervision as may be given by the county superintendent of schools and the state superintendent of public instruction.

(f) The said schoolhouse shall be outside of any incorporated village or city.

Supt. to certify.—Sec. 2. No money shall be paid under the provisions of this act until the state superintendent, after due examination, shall certify that the conditions of the act have been fully complied with.

Limitations.—Sec. 3. The aid provided by this act shall be granted to not more than one school district in any one county.

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

Approved April 22, 1907.

CHAPTER 305—H. F. No. 976.

An Act to amend section 1966 of the Revised Laws of 1905, relating to hearings before the railroad and warehouse commission.

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

Hearing and report.—Section 1. Section 1966 of the Revised Laws of 1905 be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1966. Hearing—If the matter be not adjusted to the satisfaction of the commission, it shall set a time and place of hearing, and give at least ten days' notice thereof to each party. The parties may appear either in person or by attorney. The commission shall hear evidence and otherwise investigate the matter, and shall make findings of fact upon all matters involved, and such order or recommendation in the premises as may be just. A copy of such findings and order or recommendation shall forthwith be served upon each party. No proceeding shall be dismissed on account of want of pecuniary interest in the complaint. In all proceedings excepting where the reasonableness of rates are under consideration, hearings may be had before one commissioner, who shall decide the matter in controversy and make a report of his decision to the commission. Upon the approval of such report, it shall become the decision of the commission.