

offense, who, after being released from such imprisonment has been engaged in lawful employment, and shall not in any case apply to any such person until more than thirty days have elapsed since being released from such imprisonment.

8. A person engaged in practicing or attempting any trick or device to procure money or other thing of value, if such trick or device is made a public offense by any law of this state, or any person engaged in soliciting, procuring or attempting to solicit or procure money or other thing of value by falsely pretending and representing himself to be blind, deaf, dumb, without arms or legs, or to be otherwise physically deficient or to be suffering from any physical defect or infirmity.

9. *A person wandering about and lodging in taverns, groceries, alchouses, outhouses, market places, sheds, stables, barns or other uninhabited buildings or in the open air and not giving a good account of himself.*

10. *Any person not blind, over sixteen years of age and who has not resided in the county in which he may be at any time for a period of six months prior thereto, and not having visible means to maintain himself, lives without employment or wanders about and begs, or goes from door to door or places himself in the streets, highways or public passages to beg or receive alms.*

Every such person shall upon conviction thereof be punished by imprisonment not exceeding ninety (90) days or by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

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

Approved April 17, 1917.

CHAPTER 293—H. F. No. 228.

An act to amend Section 5634 of the General Statutes of Minnesota 1913, pertaining to town ditches.

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

Section 1. Definition of various words extended so as to apply word "engineer" to any competent surveyor.—That section 5634 of the General Statutes of Minnesota 1913 be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

Section 5634. The following words used in this act shall have the meaning herein given unless another intention clearly appears: The word "ditch" as used in this act shall be held to include any open, covered or tiled ditch or drain or any ditch or drain in part open and in part tiled or covered, and any drain, water course or creek and any side, lateral, spur or branch ditches and each and all of the constructions referred to in this

act. The word "board" as herein used means the board of supervisors of the town in which the lands or roads described in the petition are located or, if said lands or roads are located in more than one town, then the word "board" means all of the supervisors of each one of the towns in which any of said lands or roads are located, acting together as one body at a legally called meeting. The town clerk of the town in which the petition was filed shall act as the clerk of said board and keep a detailed record of its doings. Two or more of said supervisors shall constitute a quorum of said board and a majority of the supervisors present shall have power to act. The words "town clerk" and "town treasurer" as herein used shall always be held to refer to the town clerk and town treasurer of the town in which the petition was filed. *The word "engineer" as used in this act shall be held to include any competent surveyor.*

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

Approved April 17, 1917.

CHAPTER 294—H. F. No. 242.

An act imposing upon the estates of persons who are confined, and cared for in state hospitals and asylums for the insane, and upon certain relatives of such inmates, a portion of the cost of maintenance therein and providing for the collecting thereof and relating thereto.

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

Section 1. **Duty of superintendent of asylum or hospital on receiving patient committed to his institution.**—Subdivision (1). Whenever after August 1st, 1917, any probate court of this state shall have committed any person to the superintendent of a state asylum, detention hospital or hospital for the insane, and one of the duplicate warrants issued pursuant thereto shall have been returned, with the superintendent's indorsement thereon that the person named therein has been received by him, and filed in such probate court, the clerk of such probate court, or the judge, if there is no clerk, shall make and file with the state board of control, a copy of such warrant and of the indorsements thereon together with such other information as is provided for in this act.

Subdivision (2). Whenever after August 1st, 1917, any person shall be received into any state detention hospital on his own application or pursuant to a determination that such person is mentally disturbed, and in need of treatment therein, under the provisions of chapter 224, Laws 1909, the superintendent so receiving him shall forthwith mail to the state board of con-