

CHAPTER 308.

AN ACT to prevent cattle and other domestic animals from running at large in the town of Sumpter, county of McLeod.

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

SECTION 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to allow any cattle, horses, mules, asses, sheep or swine owned by them or of which they may have possession or control, to run at large upon the public highways or upon the lands of any other person during any season of the year in the town of Sumpter, county of McLeod, unless carefully herded.

SEC. 2. The owner or occupant of any land or lands in said township of Sumpter, may distrain any and all beasts doing damage thereon, without regard to the sufficiency of the fences thereon, or the existence of any fence whatever, and when any such distress shall be made, the damages may be appraised and the beasts or beasts be disposed of and such action in the premises taken as is provided in the General Statutes for distraining beasts doing damage.

SEC. 3. In case the owner or occupant of lands shall not distrain the beast or beasts doing damage, as provided herein, the owner of said beasts shall be liable in an action at law to the party injured for all damages done by said beasts, without regard to the condition of the fences on said lands, or the existence of any fence whatever.

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

Approved March 8, 1881.

CHAPTER 309.

AN ACT to prevent cattle and other domestic animals from running at large in the county of Winona.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, partnership or corporation to allow any cattle, horses, mules, asses, sheep or swine owned by them, or of which they have the charge, custody or control, to run at large upon the public highways or upon the lands of any other person or persons in the county of Winona.

All acts and parts of acts, special or general, inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first (1st) day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one (1881).

Approved March 7, 1881.

CHAPTER 310.

AN ACT to regulate the running at large of animals in the town of Hutchinson and village of Hutchinson and town of Acoma, in the county of McLeod, in this State.

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

SECTION 1. A majority of voters in the town of Hutchinson and in the village of Hutchinson, and in the town of Acoma, in the county of McLeod, at the next annual meeting after the passage of this act, may determine by ballot whether cattle, sheep, horses, mules or hogs shall thereafter be permitted to run at large in such town or in the said village. For the purpose of determining such question, those in favor of permitting such animals to run at large in such town or in such village, shall have written or printed or partly written or partly printed on their ballots the words "In favor of the running at large of animals," and those against the running at large of such animals shall have written or printed or partly written and partly printed upon their ballots the words "Against the running at large of animals." Such votes shall be canvassed and returns thereof be made in the same manner in each of the said towns, that votes for town officers are canvassed and returned, and in the said village in the same manner that votes for village officers are canvassed and returned; and if upon a canvass of said votes by the board of town or village canvassers, it shall be ascertained that a majority of the voters in either of the said town or in the said village, have voted for the running at large of the animals aforesaid in such town or village, then it shall be lawful for such animals to run at large in such town or village, subject to the provisions of the General Laws of the State relating to animals doing damage; but if the majority of the voters in such town or village shall vote against the running at large of such animals, in that case it shall not be lawful for such animals to run at large in such town or village.

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

Approved February 17, 1881.