

CHAPTER 415.

AN ACT granting swamp lands to aid in the construction of the main line of railroad of the Little Falls and Dakota Railroad Company.

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

SECTION 1. To aid in the construction of the main line of railroad of the Little Falls and Dakota Railroad Company, that is to say, a line of railroad to extend from Little Falls, in the county of Morrison, by way of Sauk Centre, Glenwood and Morris, to such point on the western boundary of the State as the said company may hereafter determine, six (6) sections of swamp lands of this State, to be ascertained in the manner hereinafter provided, are hereby granted to the said company, its successors and assigns, for each mile in length of the said railroad.

SEC. 2. The said lands shall be taken from the swamp lands of this State, not otherwise disposed of at the time of the definite location of the said main line of railroad, lying in the counties through which said main line shall run and lying nearest the said railroad, but, in case there shall not be sufficient available swamp lands in the said counties to equal the six (6) sections for each mile in length of said railroad, in that case the said company shall be empowered to select from any other swamp lands of this State, not otherwise disposed of at the date of the definite location of the said line of railroad, sufficient lands to make up the full quantity hereby granted.

SEC. 3. Upon the filing in the office of the State land commissioner of a map showing the definite location of the said main line, there shall be reserved out of the swamp lands of the State lying in the respective counties through which such line shall run, and nearest the said line, and which shall not have been previously otherwise disposed of, a sufficient quantity of lands to fill the grant hereby made. And upon the filing in such office of lists of lands selected by the said company, as hereinafter provided, to make up deficiencies, the lands described upon such lists or such portion thereof as may actually be required to make up such deficiencies, shall also be reserved from sale or other disposition, except as provided in this act.

SEC. 4. As often as any continuous portion of the main line of railroad, thirty miles in length, shall be completed as a first-class railroad to the satisfaction of the governor of this State, a quantity of the lands hereby granted, equal to six (6) sections for each mile of railroad so completed, shall be conveyed by the governor to the said company, its successors or assigns.

SEC. 5. The grants herein contained are upon the express condition that the said company shall commence the work of constructing said main line of railroad within one (1) year after the passage of this act, and complete the same within three (3) years after the passage of this act; and in case any part of such main line shall remain uncompleted at the expiration of three (3) years from the passage of this act, in that case all the lands hereby granted, appertaining to the then uncompleted portions of such main line, shall become forfeited to and become re-vested in the State without further act or ceremony; *Provided*, that all the lands hereby granted shall be subject to taxation as other land whenever they shall fall within the limits of an organized county or township.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 3, 1881.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, }
SAINT PAUL, September 24, 1881. }

I hereby certify that the foregoing laws have been carefully compared with the original on file in this office, and that the same are true and correct copies thereof.

FRED. VON BAUMBACH,
Secretary of State.