

H. F. No. 337.

CHAPTER 299.

State land grants.

An act prescribing terms, limitations and conditions on which lands granted to the state by the congress of the United States shall be sold.

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

SECTION 1. Hereafter whenever any lands granted to the state, by the congress of the United States shall be sold by this state, the purchaser shall in the first instance, be given a contract or certificate of sale, which instrument shall contain, among other things, the provisions herein set forth.

Contract of sale.

SEC. 2. The state auditor shall insert in every such contract or certificate of sale, a clause providing that the vendee, his heirs, administrators or assigns, shall within five years from the date of such instrument, perform at least one of the following requirements:

Requirements.

1. Fence at least twenty-five (25) per cent of said tract for pasture and convert such portion into pasture land.

2. Cultivate at least five (5) per cent of said tract, or,

3. Build a house and actually reside upon said tract for a period of twelve (12) months.

SEC. 3. Within five (5) years after the date of such contract or certificate of sale, the vendee, his heirs, administrators or assigns, shall furnish to the state auditor, satisfactory proof that at least one of said provisions has been complied with, said proof shall be attested by two members of the school board in the district wherein the land is located. And upon such proof, and the fulfillment of all the conditions of such contract or certificate of sale, a deed shall issue to the purchaser, his heirs or assigns, to the land in such contract or certificate described.

Proof of compliance, deed.

SEC. 4. Upon failure to make and furnish the proof mentioned, in the foregoing section, within five (5) years after the date of such contract or certificate, the state auditor shall cancel said contract or certificate and the land covered thereby shall revert to and become the property of the state, free and clear of any incumbrance or cloud arising out of said transaction or contract or attempted to be contracted, by said vendee, and all moneys paid on account of the purchase price, shall be forfeited to the state.

Failure to make proof.

Contract to be cancelled.

SEC. 5. Not more than three hundred and twenty (320) acres of such land shall be sold or contracted to be sold to any one purchaser. Not over
320 acres.

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

Approved April 19, 1905.

CHAPTER 300.

H. F. No. 602

An act relating to appointments of inspectors under the state dairy and food commission, fixing the qualifications of appointees and relating to their tenure of and removal from office. Dairy and
food in-
spectors.

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

SECTION 1. Before any person shall be eligible to appointment as an inspector in the dairy and food department, he shall be required to pass a competitive examination touching his general qualifications and proficiency and such general knowledge of the trade and technical phases of the work required in such position as may be deemed necessary by a board of examiners to the proper discharge of the duties of such position. And no person shall be eligible to such appointment, unless in addition to the examination requirements herein specified he shall satisfy the board as to his moral, mental and physical fitness to hold such position. All applicants must be citizens of the United States, and must have resided in the State of Minnesota at least one (1) year before receiving an appointment under the provisions of this act. All appointments, and removals under the provisions of this act shall be made by the officer now authorized by law to make such appointments and removals. In case of the removal of any such inspector, a statement in writing giving the reasons for such removal shall be filed by the person making such removal with the secretary of state, which shall be open to public inspection, but the inspector against whom such statement has been filed shall, on written request, be given a hearing before the board of examiners within fifteen days from the filing of such request. The failure to make and file such statement within five (5) days after such removal shall operate to reinstate such official or employe. No removal of any inspector shall be made except for neglect of duty, incompetence, insubordination, or immorality. Appoint-
ment by
competitive
examination.

Qualifica-
tions.

Removal.