

H. F. No. 259.

CHAPTER 310.

Chief fire
warden, sal-
ary, \$1,500.

An act entitled an act to fix the salary of the chief fire warden of the State of Minnesota.

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

SECTION 1. The chief fire warden of the State of Minnesota shall receive a salary of fifteen hundred (\$1,500) dollars per year, to be paid out of the amount appropriated for forest preservation.

SEC. 2. So much of section two (2) of chapter three hundred and sixty-three (363) of the General Laws of Minnesota for 1903 as conflicts with this act is hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

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

Approved April 19, 1905.

H. F. No. 272.

CHAPTER 311.

Drainage.

An act to amend section 1 of chapter 258, General Laws of 1901, entitled "An act providing for the drainage of lands in certain cases, prescribing the powers and duties of county commissioners and other officers in the premises, and appropriating funds for the payment of assessments against state lands affected thereby, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof and repealing certain acts therein mentioned and referred to."

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

SECTION 1. That section 1 of chapter 258, General Laws of 1901, entitled "An act providing for the drainage of lands in certain cases, prescribing the powers and duties of county commissioners and other officers in the premises, and appropriating funds for the payment of assessments against state lands affected thereby, and, prescribing penalties for the violation thereof, and repealing certain acts therein mentioned and referred to," be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

Duties of Co.
Comm'rs

Section 1. The board of county commissioners of any county shall have power and it shall be their duty, at any

session when they shall find the conditions stated in the second section of this act to exist, to cause to be constructed as hereinafter provided any ditch, drain, creek or other water course within said county, whether or not the same or any part thereof be located within the corporate limits of any city or village in said county, and such ditch, drain or creek or other water course may, in whole or in part, follow and consist of the bed of any stream, creek or river, whether navigable or not, and they may widen, deepen, straighten and change the channel of any creek, river or other natural water course, whether navigable and whether meandered or not, and may confine any such creek, river or other natural water course by means of dikes, levees or embankment to its natural or artificial bed as laid out;

When located within city, or village, etc.

Provided, that when in any such proceedings the waters of any creek, river, or other water course are diverted from their natural bed by such artificial ditch or drain, such ditch or drain shall, as nearly as practicable, follow the general direction of such creek, river or other water course and terminate therein."

Diverted from natural bed.

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

Approved April 19, 1905.

CHAPTER 312.

H. F. No. 502.

An act to provide for the consolidation of township mutual insurance companies in certain cases.

Town mutual ins. co.'s.

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

SECTION 1. That two or more township mutual fire insurance companies of the same county, which have been or may hereafter be authorized to transact the business of fire insurance exclusively upon farm property, within the same townships, or where one of said companies is authorized to and actually has transacted such insurance business in every town in which such other company is authorized to transact such business, may consolidate as a corporation in the manner provided in this act.

May consolidate.

SEC. 2. To effect such consolidation it shall be necessary:

Requirements.

First—That the board of directors or managing body of each of said corporations pass a resolution to the effect that such consolidation is advisable and containing