

CHAPTER 348

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348.01 FOR TIMBER GROWING.

Every person who shall plant one acre or more of land with forest trees of any kind other than black locust, and shall keep such trees growing in a thrifty condition, and not more than 12 feet apart either way, replacing yearly such as may die, or who shall maintain and manage an existing stand of timber on one acre or more of land, the owner residing thereon, such stand of timber shall not be less than 600 forest trees per acre, well spaced, shall receive from the state \$2.50 per acre therefor for six successive years, not exceeding \$25 in any one year. This section shall not apply to any railway company, to any person who has already received such compensation, nor to any person planting trees in compliance with an act of Congress approved March 3, 1873, relating to the growth of timber on western prairies, or any act amendatory thereof.

History: (6249) RL s 2391; 1913 c 76 s 1; 1941 c 365

348.02 CLAIM AND PROOF.

The claimant shall file with the county auditor a plat giving the government subdivision, and the position of the trees thereon. If the number of trees be increased, supplemental plats shall be filed. The claimant shall show ownership of the land, and make oath to the planting and maintaining of the trees, as prescribed in section 348.01; and the proof shall be supported by the affidavit of at least two freeholders residing in the same town, who have personal knowledge of the facts. Such proofs shall be filed with the county auditor between July 1 and July 15, of the year for which compensation is claimed.

History: (6249 1/2) RL s 2392; 1986 c 444

348.03 DUTY OF ASSESSOR.

The assessor of each town, at the time of making an assessment, shall ascertain if trees have been planted therein for which compensation is claimed under sections 348.01 to 348.05, and, if any such be found, the assessor shall personally examine the same and report the area planted and the condition of the trees to the county auditor when the assessment books are returned.

History: (6250) RL s 2393; 1986 c 444

348.04 PROOFS SENT TO COMMISSIONER OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

Before August 1 the county auditor shall compare the proofs furnished by the claimant with the assessor's report, and, if they correspond in substance, the county auditor shall immediately forward to the commissioner of natural resources the original proofs of claim and a certified list of all plats filed.

History: (6251) RL s 2394; 1973 c 492 s 14; 1976 c 231 s 26; 1986 c 444

348.05 COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE TO ISSUE WARRANT.

The commissioner of finance shall audit all such claims, and, on the first Monday of October, in each year, shall issue a warrant to the several claimants for the amount to which each is entitled; but, if the aggregate of compensation due to all such claimants shall exceed the appropriation therefor, the commissioner shall distribute the available

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amount amongst them pro rata, which distribution shall relieve the state from further obligation to such claimants for the year.

History: (6252) *RL s 2395; 1973 c 492 s 14; 1986 c 444*

- 348.06 [Repealed, 1949 c 295 s 1]
- 348.07 [Repealed, 1945 c 262 s 4]
- 348.071 [Repealed, 1977 c 310 s 18]
- 348.073 [Repealed, 1971 c 354 s 6]
- 348.08-348.11 [Repealed, 1945 c 262 s 4]

348.12 BOUNTIES, CERTAIN ANIMALS.

Any county board or board of town supervisors may, by resolution, offer a bounty for the destruction of gophers or ground squirrels. The resolution may be made to cover the whole or any part of the county, and may be annually renewed, but it shall have force and effect only during the calendar year in which it was adopted or renewed. The bounty shall be in such amount or amounts and apply during such months, as may be designated by the county board or board of town supervisors by resolution.

History: (6259) *RL s 2402; 1909 c 48 s 1; 1939 c 40 s 1; 1951 c 372 s 1; 1953 c 247 s 1; 1974 c 342 s 1; 1989 c 101 s 1*

348.13 BOUNTIES PAID BY TOWNS, REQUIREMENTS.

The four feet of striped and gray gophers and woodchucks, and both front feet of pocket gophers shall be produced to the chair of the town board of the town where they were killed, and if the chair shall be satisfied that they were killed within the designated territory and by the person producing them, the chair shall certify to the county auditor the number of each kind so killed. The certificate shall be issued by the chair of the town board at the end of each month and shall show the names of all persons entitled to bounty for the preceding month, the number of each kind of animals killed, and the amount of bounty that each person is entitled to receive. The county auditor shall issue thereon a warrant on the county treasurer payable to the chair of the town board who issued the certificate, for the full amount of the bounty allowed by law according to the certificate, and upon receipt of the warrant the chair shall pay the proper persons the bounty allowed by law for the preceding month.

The chair to whom such feet are produced shall immediately cause such feet to be destroyed.

Any town board may also offer a bounty for the destruction of the animals or birds described in section 348.12 and adopt rules for the payment thereof, which bounty so offered by a town shall be in addition to any bounty which may be offered by the board of county commissioners.

The town board of any town located in any county having over 45,000 and less than 49,000 inhabitants according to the 1950 federal census, may by resolution require that the tail instead of the feet of striped, gray and pocket gophers be produced.

History: (6260) *RL s 2403; 1909 c 48 s 2; 1911 c 220 s 1; 1915 c 357 s 1; 1917 c 290 s 1; 1955 c 545 s 1; 1986 c 444; 1989 c 101 s 2; 1992 c 464 art 1 s 38*

- 348.14 [Repealed, 1945 c 262 s 4]
- 348.15-348.18 [Superseded by 348.071]