

1906, ch. 294, sec. 8.

8. The boards of county commissioners of the several counties of this State are hereby authorized to levy and appropriate money for purposes of forest protection, improvement and management; and said boards shall have recourse under an action at law for debt against any land owner, individual or corporation on whose account they shall have been obliged to pay out money for fighting fire for the amount which they have expended for such purpose.

Ibid. sec. 9.

9. The State forester shall furnish notices, printed in large letters upon cloth, calling attention to the dangers of forest fires and to forest fire, and trespass laws and their penalties; such notices shall be distributed by the State forester to forest wardens and posted by them in conspicuous places upon State forest reserves, and along the highways in forest-covered country.

Ibid. sec. 10.

10. Every individual or corporation that carelessly, negligently, or wilfully, maliciously, or with intent, sets on fire, or causes or procures to be set on fire, any woods, brush, grass, grain or stubble, on lands not their own, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction be punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 or more than \$1,000, or imprisonment for not less than thirty days or more than one year, or both such fine and imprisonment.

Ibid. sec. 11.

11. It shall be unlawful for any person or corporation, as land owner, to set, or procure another to set fire to any woods, brush, logs, leaves, grass or clearing upon their own land, unless they shall have previously taken all possible care and precaution against the spread of such fire to other lands not their own, by previously having cut and piled the same, or carefully cleared around the land which is to be burned, so as to prevent the spread of such fire. The setting of fire contrary to the provisions of this section, or allowing it to escape to the injury of adjoining lands, shall be *prima facie* proof of wilfulness or neglect, and the land owner from whose land the