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CHAPTER 209  
NEGLECT OR DELAY

Sec.

2201. Time limitations.

2202. Action when town fails; expenses.

**§ 2201. Time limitations**

When a town way, private way or highway is wholly or partly discontinued by the county commissioners, a time shall be fixed for it, and when laid out by them the way shall be regarded as discontinued if not opened within 6 years from the time allowed therefor. When town or private ways are finally located by municipal officers, unless the land is entered upon and possession taken for said purpose within 2 years after the laying out or alteration, the proceedings are void.

R.S. 1954, c. 89, § 50.

**§ 2202. Action when town fails; expenses**

When a town way or highway is not opened and made passable by the town liable or a hill therein has not been graded within the time prescribed therefor by the commissioners, they may, after notice to the town, cause it to be done by an agent, not one of themselves, on petition of those interested. The agent shall make a written contract therefor and file a copy of it in the clerk's office. The commissioners shall forthwith certify to the assessors of the town interested the time when such contract is to be completed and the amount to be paid therefor. They may examine the doings of their agent and at pleasure remove him and appoint another. His account shall not be allowed without notice to the town. When the contract has been completed and the accounts allowed, the town shall pay the amount expended, with the expenses of the agent for superintendence, and for procuring the allowance of his account. If the town neglects to pay for 30 days, a warrant of distress shall be issued by the commissioners to collect the same.

R.S.1954, c. 89, § 51.