

CHAPTER 46—S. F. No. 160

An act to regulate the manufacture, sale and distribution of intoxicating liquors, providing for the licenses therefor, providing for certain elections with regard thereto, creating the office of a liquor control commissioner, providing for penalties for the violation of this act, and repealing certain inconsistent laws.

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

Section 1. Construction of Terms.—The terms “intoxicating liquor” and “liquor” whenever used in this Act, shall mean and include ethyl alcohol and include distilled, fermented, spirituous, vinous and malt beverages containing in excess of 3.2 per cent of alcohol by weight. The terms “sale” and “sell” shall mean and include all barters, and all manners or means of furnishing intoxicating liquor or liquors as above described in violation or evasion of law. “Off sale” shall mean the sale of liquor in original packages in retail stores for consumption off or away from the premises where sold. “On sale” shall mean the sale of liquor by the glass for consumption on the premises only. The term “wholesale” shall mean and include any sale for purposes of re-sale. The term “manufacturer” shall include every person, who, by any process of manufacture, fermenting, brewing, distilling, refining, rectifying, blending, or by the combination of different materials, shall prepare or produce intoxicating liquors for sale. The term “wholesaler” shall mean any person, engaged in the business of selling intoxicating liquor to retail dealers. The term “person” shall include the meaning extended thereto by Mason’s Minnesota Statutes, 1927, Section 10933.

The term “package” or “original package” shall mean and include any container or receptacle holding liquor, which container or receptacle is corked or sealed.

The term “municipality” shall mean any city, village or borough.

“Hotel” as herein used, shall mean and include any establishment having a resident proprietor or manager, where, in consideration of payment therefor, food and lodging are regularly furnished to transients, and which maintains for the use of its guests in cities of the first class, not less than fifty guest rooms, in cities of second class, not less than twenty-five guest rooms, in all other cities, villages and boroughs not less than ten guest rooms with bedding and other usual suitable and necessary furnishings in each room, and which is provided at the main entrance with a suitable lobby, desk, and office

for the registration of its guests on the ground floor, and which employs an adequate staff to provide suitable and usual service, and which maintains under the same management and control as the rest of the establishment and has as an integral part thereof a dining room with appropriate facilities for seating not less than thirty guests at one time, where the general public are, in consideration of payment therefor, served with meals at tables.

“Exclusive liquor store” as herein used shall be an establishment used exclusively for the sale of intoxicating liquor at retail, either on sale or off sale, or both. It shall be under control of an individual owner or manager and if located in municipalities other than cities of the first, second and third class, it may be owned and operated by said municipality as the governing body thereof shall direct.

“Restaurant” as herein used, shall mean any establishment, other than a hotel, under the control of a single proprietor or manager having appropriate facilities for the serving of meals and in cities of the first class for seating of not less than 50 guests at one time and in cities of the second and third class and villages of over 10,000 population and in such cities and villages having over 5,000 and not more than 10,000 population where “on sale” is provided in restaurants in lieu of the establishment of exclusive liquor stores, for seating such number of guests not less than 30 as the governing body of such municipality shall determine, and where in consideration of payments therefor, meals are regularly furnished at tables to the general public, and which employs an adequate staff to provide the usual and suitable service to its guests, and the principal part of the business of which is the serving of foods.

The term “club” shall mean and include any corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota for civic, fraternal, social or business purposes or for intellectual improvement or for the promotion of sports, which shall have more than fifty members, and which shall for more than a year have owned, hired or leased a building or space in a building of such extent and character as may be suitable and adequate for the reasonable and comfortable accommodation of its members and whose affairs and management are conducted by a board of directors, executive committee, or other similar body chosen by the members at a meeting held for that purpose, none of whose members, officers, agents, or employes are paid directly or indirectly any compensation by way of profit from the distribution or sale of beverages to the members of the club, or

to its guests beyond the amount of such reasonable salary or wages as may be fixed and voted each year by the directors or other governing body.

The term "medicines" shall mean and include only such potable liquids as are prescribed by licensed physicians and dentists for therapeutic purposes, and United States Pharmacopeia and National Formulary preparations, and preparations used for the mitigation of disease for external and internal purposes which are usually sold in drug stores and intended for therapeutic purposes and not for beverage purposes.

The term "general food stores" shall mean any place of business carrying a stock of food supplies, and primarily engaged in selling food and grocery supplies to the public.

Sec. 2. Liquor control commissioner—salary—bond.—The office of Liquor Control Commissioner is hereby established and the Liquor Control Commissioner shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the consent and advice of the Senate, whose term of office shall be four years from and after January 1 in the year in which such appointment is made. He shall be a citizen of this state and a resident thereof for not less than five years preceding his appointment and shall have no direct or indirect financial interest in the manufacture, transportation or sale of intoxicating liquor or any malt or vinous beverages, intoxicating or non-intoxicating, or commercial or industrial alcohol.

The Commissioner may be removed for cause by the Governor, after hearing thereon, and it shall be the duty of the Governor to remove him for any violation of this Act. A record of the charges, proceedings and findings thereon shall be filed in the office of the Governor of the State.

The salary of the Commissioner shall be the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500.00) per year and he shall be entitled to his actual expenses in the performance of his duties.

He shall give a bond with corporate surety to the state in the sum of \$50,000.00 and the employes of such Commissioner shall give bond to the state as may be required by him. The form of all such bonds shall be prescribed by the Liquor Control Commissioner.

Sec. 3. Office of commissioner—employees.—The principal office of the Liquor Control Commissioner shall be in the City of St. Paul, Minnesota. The Commissioner may appoint a secretary

and such inspectors, not to exceed 10, clerks and other assistants as he may require. All employes of the Commissioner may be removed at the will of the Commissioner. The Commissioner shall set up an adequate system for the administration of this Act, and shall have supervision over and power to regulate all forms of advertising and display of liquors. The Liquor Control Commissioner shall have power to make all reasonable regulations to effect the object of this Act, and shall have the power to fix maximum prices from time to time on all liquor sold at wholesale. Such regulations shall include provisions for assuring purity of intoxicating liquor and the true statement of its contents and the proper labeling thereof with regard to all forms of sale.

Sec. 4 Regulations to be printed in a legal newspaper.—All regulations made by the Liquor Control Commissioner shall be printed in full in one issue of a legal newspaper published in the City of Saint Paul. Such regulations shall be effective five days after such publication, provided that regulations made within thirty days from the effective date of this Act shall be effective immediately upon publication. The Commissioner shall annually, and at such other intervals as he deems expedient, publish in convenient form all regulations in force, and furnish copies thereof to such persons as the Commissioner deems advisable.

Sec. 5. Dealers and manufacturers must be licensed—licenses—license fees.—That it shall be unlawful for any person, directly or indirectly, upon any pretense or by any device, to manufacture, import, sell, exchange, barter, dispose of or keep for sale, any intoxicating liquor, without first having obtained a license therefor, as herein provided. Nothing herein shall prohibit the natural fermentation of fruit juices in the home for family use. All manufacturer's and wholesaler's licenses shall include the right to import and shall be granted by the Liquor Control Commissioner. The business of manufacturer and wholesaler may be combined and carried on under one license issued therefor. All licenses for retail "Off sale" shall be granted by the local governing body subject to the approval of the Liquor Control Commissioner and shall not become effective until so approved.

The Liquor Control Commissioner may issue a license or permit to any railroad company, dining car company, or sleeping car company, water transportation company or other common carrier operating in this state, to sell intoxicating liquors referred to in this chapter upon any vessel, dining car, buffet, observation or cafe car where

meals or lunches are served. Each such company applying for such license shall pay to said Liquor Control Commissioner a fee of Twenty-five Dollars per annum. A duplicate of such license shall be posted in each car and for each duplicate of such license a fee of One Dollar shall be paid. Such license so granted shall cover and permit the sale of such intoxicating liquor in the State of Minnesota, or in any political subdivision thereof, in any vessel, dining car, buffet, observation or cafe car which is a part of a train or which is about to become a part of a train then being operated or to be operated in this state. Such liquor to be sold only to bona fide passengers or persons actually being transported.

"Off sale" licenses issued by any municipality shall not be effective until approved, together with the bond, by the Liquor Control Commissioner, but no fee shall be payable to such Commissioner for such approval.

All "On sale" licenses shall be granted and the annual license fee therefor fixed by the respective local governing bodies of the various political subdivisions of the state, and such governing bodies shall have the right to revoke licenses issued by them, for cause. No "On sale" licenses shall be issued contrary to any of the provisions of this Act. Not more than one "On sale" license shall be issued in any city of the first class for every 1500 inhabitants. Not more than 200 "On sale" licenses shall be issued in any city of the first class. Not more than 15 "On sale" licenses shall be issued in any city of the second class. Not more than 10 "On sale" licenses shall be issued in any city of the third class. Not more than 5 "On sale" licenses shall be issued in any city of the fourth class. Not more than 10 "On sale" licenses shall be issued in any village of over 10,000 population. Not more than 5 "On sale" licenses shall be issued in any village of 5,000 to 10,000 population. Not more than 4 "On sale" licenses shall be issued in any village of 2,500 to 5,000 population. Not more than 3 "On sale" licenses shall be issued in any village or borough of 500 to 2,500 population. Not more than 2 "on sale" licenses shall be issued in any village or borough of less than 500 population. "On sale" licenses may be issued for the sale of intoxicating liquor in hotels, clubs and restaurants in cities of the first, second and third class and villages of over 10,000 inhabitants. Such licenses may be issued in cities of the fourth class, and other villages and boroughs for such sale of intoxicating liquor in hotels, clubs and/or exclusive liquor stores, which exclusive liquor stores the governing body of such municipalities may establish or permit to be established for dispensation of liquor either "On sale" or "Off sale,"

or both. In cities and villages having over 5,000 and not more than 10,000 population, the municipality may license "On sale" in restaurants in lieu of the establishment of exclusive liquor stores.

In cities of the first class not more than one "off sale" license shall be granted for every 5,000 inhabitants in any such city. In such cities, such licenses shall be issued only to proprietors of drug stores, general food stores and exclusive liquor stores. In all other cities, villages and boroughs, the number of "Off sale" licenses to be issued therein shall be determined by the local governing body. In all cities, villages and boroughs other than cities of the first class "Off sale" licenses shall be issued only to proprietors of drug stores and exclusive liquor stores. Not more than one "Off sale" license shall be issued in any city, village or borough of less than 1,000 population.

The license fees to be paid before the issuance of licenses shall be as follows:

(a) Any manufacturer, as herein defined, shall pay to the state, an annual license fee in the sum of \$2500.00, except that brewers of intoxicating malt beverages shall pay to the state an annual license fee of \$500.00, and except that a manufacturer of wines containing not more than 25 per cent of alcohol by weight shall pay to the state an annual license fee of \$250.00.

(b) Any wholesaler, as herein defined, shall pay to the state an annual license fee in the sum of \$2500.00, except that wholesalers of wine containing not more than 25 per cent of alcohol by weight and wholesalers of beer containing more than 3.2 per cent of alcohol by weight, shall pay to the state an annual license fee of \$250.00.

(c) The maximum license fee for an "Off sale" license in the cities of the first class shall be the sum of \$250.00; in all cities and villages of over 10,000 population, except cities of the first class, the maximum license fee for an "Off sale" license shall be \$200.00; in all cities and villages with a population between 5,000 and 10,000, the maximum license fee shall be \$150.00; in all cities, villages and boroughs of 5,000 population, or less, the maximum license fee shall be \$100.00. All such license fees for "Off sale" licenses shall be payable to the municipalities issuing the license. Where such licenses shall be issued for less than one year, a fee may be a pro rata share of the annual license fee.

Sec. 6. Application for license—bonds.—Every person, desiring a license from the Liquor Control Commissioner, shall file with him a verified written application in the form to be prescribed by

the Commissioner. All applicants for manufacturer's and wholesaler's licenses to sell intoxicating liquor shall file with the Liquor Control Commissioner a bond with corporate surety, to be approved by the Liquor Control Commissioner, before granting such license, or, in lieu thereof, cash or United States Government bonds in the sum of \$10,000, according to the character of the license, made payable to the State of Minnesota. All applicants for a license to sell intoxicating liquors on any railroad train or other common carrier, shall file with the Liquor Control Commissioner a bond with corporate surety to be approved by the Liquor Control Commissioner before granting such license, or, in lieu thereof, cash or United States Government bonds in the sum of \$1,000.00. All manufacturers and wholesalers of wines containing not more than 25 per cent of alcohol by weight and manufacturers and wholesalers of beer containing more than 3.2 per cent of alcohol by weight, shall file with the Liquor Control Commissioner, a bond with corporate surety to be approved by the Liquor Control Commissioner before granting such license, or, in lieu thereof, cash or United States Government bonds in the sum of \$5,000.00.

Every person desiring a license from a local governing body shall file with the clerk of the municipality a verified written application in the form to be prescribed by the Commissioner, with such additional information as the local governing body shall require. An applicant for an "Off sale" license shall file with the clerk of the proper municipality a bond with corporate surety, or, in lieu thereof, cash or United States Government bonds in a sum, not less than \$1,000.00 and not more than \$3,000.00, as the local governing body of such municipality shall determine, which bond shall be approved by such local governing body and the Liquor Control Commissioner.

An applicant for an "On sale" license shall file with the clerk of the proper municipality a bond with corporate surety, or, in lieu thereof, cash or United States Government bonds in a sum, not less than \$3,000.00 nor more than \$5,000.00, as the local governing body of such municipality shall determine, which bond shall be approved by such local governing body.

Bonds of manufacturers, wholesalers and common carriers shall run to the State of Minnesota. Bonds of "On sale" and "Off sale" retail dealers shall run to the municipality in which the license is issued. All such bonds shall be conditioned as follows:

As to manufacturers, wholesalers and common carriers:

(a). That the licensee will obey the law relating to such licensed business.

(b) That the licensee shall pay to the State when due all taxes, license fees, penalties and other charges payable by him under this Act, or any other law relating to the manufacture, distribution or sale of intoxicating liquor.

(c) That in the event of any violation of the provisions of law, such bond shall be forfeited to the State of Minnesota as hereinafter provided.

As to "Off sale" and "On sale" dealers:

(a) That the licensee will obey the law relating to such licensed business.

(b) That the licensee will pay to the municipality when due all taxes, license fees, penalties and other charges provided by law.

(c) That in the event of any violation of the provisions of any law relating to the retail "Off sale" and retail "On sale" of intoxicating liquor, such bond shall be forfeited to the municipality in which such license was issued.

(d) That the licensee will pay to the extent of the principal amount of such bond any damages for death or injury caused by or resulting from the violation of any provisions of law relating thereto, and in such cases recovery under this subdivision "(d)" may be had from the surety on his bond. The amount specified in such bond is declared to be a penalty, the amount recoverable to be measured by the actual damages; provided, however, that in no case shall such surety be liable for any amount in excess of the penal amount of the bond.

All such bonds shall be for the benefit of the obligee and all persons suffering damages by reason of the breach of the conditions thereof. In the event of the forfeiture of any such bond for violation of law, the District Court of the county wherein such licensed business was carried on may forfeit the penal sum of said bond or any part thereof, to the State or municipality named as obligee in such bond.

Sec. 7. Licenses may be revoked—when.—Any license issued under the provisions of this Act may be revoked by the authority issuing such license for violation of any provisions of this Act. "Off sale" licenses may be revoked by the governing body of the municipality after hearing or revoked by the Liquor Control Commissioner after hearing. No manufacturer or wholesaler shall either directly

or indirectly own or control or have any financial interest in any retail business selling intoxicating liquor, but this restriction shall not be construed to deny such person the right to use or have his property rented for such purposes in any case where the manufacturer or wholesaler was the bona fide owner of the premises prior to November 1st, 1933. No manufacturer or wholesaler shall exact or require, by contract, understanding or otherwise, any licensed retailer to handle or sell only the products of any particular manufacturer or wholesaler. No license shall be granted to any person who opens a new drug store after the passage of this Act, until such person shall have operated such store continuously for a period of two years, or shall have purchased a drug store that shall have been in continuous operation for two years. All licenses issued for any one municipality except manufacturer's and wholesaler's licenses, shall expire at the same time. No more than one retailer's license shall be directly or indirectly issued to any one person or for any one place, in each municipality. No retailer's "on sale" or retailer's "off sale" license shall be directly or indirectly issued with respect to any place in any municipality maintaining an exclusive liquor store nor to any person or for any place for which a license of another class has been granted. No "on sale" or "off sale" license shall be effective beyond the compact and contiguous space named therein for which the same was granted, except that an "on sale" license granted for sales in the dining room of any hotel in cities of the first and second class may permit sales of liquor with meals in additional dining rooms open to the public and specified in the license where meals are regularly served to guests therein. No license shall be issued for premises located within areas restricted against commercial use through zoning ordinances or other proceedings or legal processes regularly had for that purpose, except that licenses may be issued for sale in restaurants in premises which have been restricted against commercial uses since the establishment of such restaurants therein; and no license shall be issued contrary to the provisions of any charter, ordinance, or any special law restricting areas within which intoxicating liquor may be sold. No license shall be issued for premises or places in which the sale or use thereof has been prohibited by Mason's Minnesota Statutes, 1927, Sections 3238-3 to 3238-21 inclusive; provided, however, that Laws 1923, Chapter 139, Section 6, the same being Mason's Minnesota Statutes, 1927, Section 10166, is hereby repealed. No license shall be issued to any person in connection with the premises of another to whom no license could be issued under the provisions of this Act, except as otherwise provided in this Act provided that this provision shall not prevent the

granting of a license to a proper lessee by reason of the fact that he shall lease premises of a minor, non-citizen, or a person who has been convicted of a crime other than a violation of this Act. No more than one license shall be issued to any person in any municipality except as specifically provided in this Act. No "off sale" license shall be issued for any place where non-intoxicating malt beverages, shall be sold for consumption on the premises. A license shall be non-transferable without the consent of the authority issuing the license, and shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the premises for which it is issued. No license shall be effective until a permit shall be issued to the licensee under the laws of the United States of America if such a permit be required under such laws. No license shall be issued to other than a citizen of the United States over 21 years of age who shall be of good moral character and repute nor to any person who shall be hereafter convicted of any wilful violation of any law of the United States or the State of Minnesota or of any local ordinance with regard to the manufacture, sale, distribution or possession for sale or distribution of intoxicating liquor, nor to any person whose license under this Act shall be revoked for any wilful violation of any of such laws or ordinances.

The Legislature expressly reserves the right to limit or diminish the number of licenses, to limit the profits of any authorized manufacturer, wholesaler or retailer as a condition to granting or continuing a license, and to regulate, limit or prohibit the issuance or sale of capital stock in any licensee as a condition to granting a license.

Sec. 8. **Hours of sale.**—No sale of intoxicating liquor shall be made on Sunday nor before 3 o'clock P. M. on any Memorial Day nor before 8 o'clock P. M. on any Election Day in the district in which such election shall be held. No "On sale" shall be made before 8 o'clock A. M., or after 12 o'clock midnight of any day. No "Off sale" shall be made before 8 o'clock A. M. or after 8 o'clock P. M. of any day except Saturday, on which day "Off sales" may be made until 10 o'clock P. M. No "On sale" place of business shall be permitted to have swinging doors or opaque windows. All sales shall be made in full view of the public. No intoxicating liquor shall be sold or furnished for any purpose whatever to any person under the age of 21 years, or to an habitual drunkard or to any person obviously intoxicated or to any of the persons to whom sale is prohibited by statute or by reason of sale to whom a penalty is provided by statute. No intoxicating liquors shall be sold within the Capitol or upon the grounds thereof, or upon the State Fair Grounds or in any place where such sales shall be prohibited by law or by the

ordinance of any city, village or borough. Every licensee shall be responsible for the conduct of his place of business and for conditions of sobriety and order therein. No licensee shall keep, possess or operate, or permit the keeping, possession or operation of, on the licensed premises, or in any room adjoining the licensed premises, any slot machine, dice or any gambling device or apparatus, nor permit any gambling therein, or permit the licensed premises or any room in the same or in any adjoining building, directly or indirectly under its control, to be used as a resort for prostitutes or other disorderly persons. No person under 21 years of age shall be employed in any rooms constituting the place in which intoxicating liquors are sold at retail "On sale." No pool table or billiard table shall be kept or used in any "On sale" premises except a club as defined in this Act.

Sec. 9. Commissioner to assist in preparation of course of instruction.—The Liquor Control Commissioner shall assist the State Department of Education, immediately upon the enactment of this Act, to prepare a course of instruction relating to the effects of alcohol upon the human system, upon character and upon society. Such course of instructions shall be used in all public schools of the state. The unrestricted advertising of intoxicating liquor is hereby declared to be contrary to public policy. Reasonable rules and regulations restricting advertising to prevent it from counteracting temperance education shall be made by the Liquor Control Commissioner.

Sec. 10. No licenses to be granted in certain counties.—Until such question shall have been otherwise determined by the electors, no license shall be issued in respect to any place in any county in which the majority of the electors voting at the September 12th, 1933, election provided for by Chapter 214, Laws 1933, voted for delegates "against repeal." Any local authority shall have power to impose further restrictions and regulations upon the sale and possession of intoxicating liquor, within its limits.

Sec. 11. Not to apply to sacramental wine.—The provisions of this Act shall not be deemed to prohibit the importation and introduction into the state or purchase within the state by any regularly appointed and ordained rabbi, priest, minister or pastor of any church or established religious organization of wine for sacramental purposes, and provided further, that any person may be licensed to import, purchase and to sell wine to be used exclusively for sacramental purposes, but upon condition that such wine shall be sold only to a rabbi, priest, minister or pastor of a duly organized church

or established religious organization upon the written certificate of such rabbi, priest, minister, or pastor that the amount so sold to him is reasonably required for sacramental purposes in religious exercises and will be used only for those purposes. Such purchasers may supply the wine so purchased to individual worshippers of religious organizations and congregations who practice religious rites and ceremonies in their homes in which wine is used by virtue of the established tenets of such organizations.

Licenses for such purposes shall be issued by the Liquor Control Commissioner upon payment of a license fee of \$10.00 per annum and the giving of a penal bond in the sum of \$1,000.00 conditioned for compliance with this section.

Sec. 12. Not to apply to medicinal liquors.—The provisions of this Act shall not apply to medicines as defined herein nor to industrial alcohol designed for mechanical, chemical, scientific, pharmaceutical or industrial purposes, nor to compounds or preparations containing alcohol, if such compounds or preparations are not potable as a beverage.

It shall be lawful for any duly licensed and registered pharmacist or druggist within this state to make sales of intoxicating liquor for medicinal purposes upon bona fide prescriptions by a physician or dentist, in writing, without having obtained an "Off sale" license.

Sec. 13. Failure to enforce act to be nonfeasance.—(a) The failure on the part of any duly constituted public officer, charged by law with the enforcement of this Act, shall constitute nonfeasance in office and shall be valid ground for the removal of such officer.

(b) When any licensee shall wilfully violate the provisions of this Act, his license shall be immediately revoked and his bond forfeited, and no license of any class shall for a term of five years thereafter be issued to the same person or to any person who at the time of the violation owns any interest, whether as holder of more than 5 per cent of the capital stock of a corporation licensee, as partner, or otherwise, in the premises or in the business conducted thereon; or to any corporation, partnership, association, enterprise, business or firm in which any such person is in any manner interested.

(c) Whoever in violation of the provisions of this Act shall manufacture intoxicating liquor for the purposes of sale shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

(d) Whoever in violation of the provisions of this Act shall transport or import into the state liquor for the purposes of sale shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

(e) Whoever shall violate any provisions of this Act as to sale, licensing, or any of the regulatory provisions pertaining thereto as herein provided for shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

The Liquor Control Commissioner shall have the power to institute proceedings to cancel or revoke the licensing of any pharmacist or druggist as such pharmacist or druggist who shall violate the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 14. **Appropriation for carrying out act.**—There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$25,000 out of any monies not heretofore appropriated for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

Sec. 15. **Licenses to be voted on in villages.**—The village recorder of any village of this state shall, upon the petition of ten legal voters of such village, filed with him at least fifteen days before the annual village election thereof, give notice at the same time and in the same manner as the notice of such election that the question of granting license in such village for the sale of intoxicating liquor will be submitted for determination at each election. At such election, when so petitioned for, said question shall be voted upon by a separate ballot the terms of which shall be either "for license" or "against license," which ballots shall be deposited in a separate ballot box to be provided in each voting precinct and the result of such voting shall be duly canvassed, certified and returned in the same manner and at the same time as the other facts and returns of said election.

Sec. 16. **Villages may issue licenses.**—If a majority of all the ballots cast upon such question at such election shall be "for license" the village council of said village may grant license for the sale of intoxicating liquors for the ensuing license year, but if such majority shall be "against license" then no such license shall be granted and such vote shall remain in force until reversed at a subsequent annual election at which the said question of license is again in like manner submitted.

Sec. 17. **Clerk to give notice.**—The clerk or recorder of any city of the fourth class, whether the same is incorporated under a special law or the general laws or under a home rule charter, on petition of ten per cent, and in no case less than twenty-five of the

legal voters, such percentage to be determined by the number of votes cast at the last city election, filed with him at least twenty days before the regular city election, shall give notice at the same time and in the same manner as the notice of such city election that the question of granting license in such city for the sale of intoxicating liquor will be submitted for determination at such election.

Sec. 18. **Separate ballot on license question.**—At such election, when so petitioned for, said question shall be voted on by separate ballot provided by the city clerk or city recorder, which ballot shall be known as "license ballot." The said ballot shall have printed thereon the words "for license" and "against license," and each qualified elector voting upon said question, shall place a cross mark (x) in the place opposite the words "for license" or in the place opposite the words "against license," which ballot shall be deposited in a separate ballot box to be provided for in each voting precinct, and such votes shall be counted for or against said question in accordance with the expressed will of the elector, as provided by the election laws of this state. The ballots so cast shall be duly canvassed, returned and certified, according to the law governing such city elections and if a majority of the votes cast upon the question shall be in favor of license then license for the sale of intoxicating liquor may be granted, but if such majority shall be against license then no license shall be granted and no liquor shall be sold in any quantity whatever, either wholesale or retail, in any such city, until such vote shall be reversed at a subsequent election at which the question of license is again in like manner submitted; provided that intoxicating liquor manufactured therein may be sold to be consumed outside of said city; and provided further that any duly licensed and practicing physician, dentist or veterinarian may prescribe or any duly licensed druggist or pharmacist actually carrying on business as such may in good faith as such druggist or pharmacist dispense, intoxicating liquor under the conditions and restrictions and subject to the penalties prescribed by law.

Sec. 19. **Not to affect charter provisions.**—All charter provisions and ordinances of any such city authorizing or providing for a vote by the electors on the question of either license for or the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquor therein, or prohibiting such sale or the granting of license therefor in consequence of any such vote had on said questions shall continue and remain in full force and effect until an election shall have been held and determined under the provisions of this Act in any such city; and all such provisions, ordinances and prohibitions shall be and remain sus-

pended after said election shall have been held and determined for so long a time as this Act remains in force, and no longer, except that the provisions of this Act as to petitions for, procedure in, and conduct of elections shall take effect immediately.

Sec. 20. Application of act.—county option election in certain counties.—Sections numbered 20 to 36, inclusive, of this act shall not apply to any county in the state in which is located any city of the first class. The provisions of sections numbered 20 to 36, inclusive, shall not take effect or be in force until May 1, 1935. Whenever there shall be presented to the county auditor of any county within this state a petition signed by any number of the qualified voters thereof, equal to or exceeding twenty-five (25) per cent of the total number of votes cast therein for governor at the last preceding general election, praying that a special election be held in said county to determine whether the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited therein, said auditor shall forthwith file such petition in his office, and thereafter keep and retain the same as a part of the records and files thereof, and said petition so presented and filed shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated. Every such petition shall be substantially in the form hereinafter provided, and every such petitioner shall, opposite his signature thereto, specify his residence, giving the street and number, if any, and no voter shall sign his name to or withdraw his name from any such petition after the same has been so presented to the county auditor. Said petition shall also contain a written or printed oath to the effect that the petitioner is a legal voter of said county and knows the contents and purpose of said petition and signed the same of his own free will, and each petitioner shall at the time of signing be sworn as aforesaid. No signature shall be valid unless the date of the verification of the signer is less than ninety (90) days before the date of its presentation to the county auditor. Said petition when so presented may consist of separate petitions fastened together as one document, and containing in the aggregate the number of voters hereinbefore specified.

Sec. 21. County option election.—The auditor shall upon the filing of said petition in his said office, forthwith make and file therein an order bearing his signature and his official seal directing the submission to the voters of said county of the question whether the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited therein, at a special election for such purpose, to be held on a Monday occurring not less than forty (40) days nor more than fifty (50) days after such filing of said petition; provided, however, that if said petition is presented

to the auditor within sixty (60) days prior to any primary or general election in said county or any regular town or village election therein, then, and in such event, the election to be held hereunder upon the presentation of such petition shall be fixed for a Monday not less than thirty (30) days nor more than forty (40) days subsequent to said primary, general, or regular town or village election; provided that said election shall not be held on the same day as any other regular municipal election; and provided that the time during which the holding of such election may be postponed by any obstacle shall not be a part of the time within which the election is hereby required to be held and provided further that no election in any such county under the provisions of this Act shall be ordered or held within three (3) years subsequent to a previous election hereunder in such county, unless such previous election shall have been set aside or adjudged invalid.

Sec. 22. **Same.**—Said auditor shall immediately upon such filing of said petition and affidavits and his said order, make and file in his office a notice of such election, bearing his signature and official seal, and thereupon and at least twenty-five (25) days prior to the time fixed for the holding of said election serve a duplicate copy of said notice personally or by registered mail upon the clerk or recorder of each village, city or town within said county, and shall forthwith make and file in his office an affidavit showing the time and manner of such service, whereupon, each clerk or recorder shall at least fifteen (15) days before said election, cause to be posted in three conspicuous places, in each election district of his city, village, or town, a notice of said election, and one copy of each notice so posted together with proof of such posting thereof by affidavit of the person posting the same shall be forthwith filed by each said clerk and recorder in his respective office. Failure for any cause to give any of the notices herein required or to make or file proof thereof shall not be held to invalidate any election held hereunder.

Sec. 23. **Judges of election.**—The members of the town board shall be judge of such election in the election district in which they respectively reside unless all are of like belief, either in favor of prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in said county or against the prohibition thereof in which case not more than two, determined by lot unless otherwise agreed upon, shall act as judges. But no member of such board shall be compelled to serve as judge, and if any decline they shall notify the town board in time to fill the place by appointment.

The council of every municipality at least ten (10) days before such election, shall appoint to be judges thereof three (3) qualified voters of each district therein, at least one (1) of whom shall be known to be in favor of prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in said county, and one (1) shall be known to be against prohibiting such sale. But in villages having but one (1) district and not included in any town district, the members of the council shall be judges, subject to the qualifications and restrictions provided for town boards in like cases.

The judges of each district shall appoint two (2) qualified voters therein as clerks except that in towns, the town clerk, and in villages having but one (1) district and not included in any town district, the village clerk or recorder shall serve as one (1) of the clerks in the district where he resides. No more than two (2) judges and one (1) clerk, in any district shall be of like belief, either in favor of prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in said county or against prohibiting such sale, and no person shall be eligible as judge or clerk unless he can read, write and speak the English language understandingly. And no additional judge or clerks to be known as ballot judge or clerks shall be appointed. Whenever for any reason it becomes necessary to appoint one or more judges in order to provide three judges for each election district, the town board or council shall at least five (5) days before the time fixed for the holding of said election appoint the number required. Vacancies in the office of judge or clerk by reason of failure to appear at the time and place of said election or otherwise shall be filled as provided by law for general elections in this state, subject to the qualifications and restrictions hereinbefore prescribed.

Sec. 24. **Challengers.**—The judges shall allow one (1) voter, known to be in favor of prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in such county and one (1) known to be against prohibiting such sale, to be in the room where the election is held, to act as challengers of voters. Such challengers shall be subject to the provisions of law relating to challengers in case of general elections.

Sec. 25. **Ballots.**—The ballots for said election shall be printed in the following form, words and characters: Shall the sale of liquor be prohibited?

Yes	
No.	

The voter shall mark a cross in one (1) of the above squares to express his choice. Such ballot shall take the place of the official

ballot required for general elections and, together with a sufficient number of blank forms for lists and affidavits, and such other blanks as are required in preparing for and conducting such election, shall be prepared under the direction of the county auditor and with such forms and blanks by him delivered to the proper clerks or boards in sufficient quantities and in time to enable them to comply with the provisions of this Act, all as provided by law in case of general elections for county officers.

Sec. 26. **General election laws to apply.**—In all elections hereunder, except as to matters herein otherwise provided for, all provisions of law governing general elections for county officers in this state, including penal provisions and provisions relating to compensation of officials, and to payment of expenses incurred in preparing for and conducting elections, shall apply and govern as far as applicable. Provided that the compensation of the members of the county canvassing board shall be the same as the compensation of the members of the county canvassing board provided for by said election laws. The ballots shall be given to electors, marked, cast, counted, canvassed, returned and preserved, and returns made and delivered to the auditor, all substantially in accordance with the law governing general elections for county officers. It shall not be necessary to make new election districts or to make any new register of voters for any election held pursuant to this Act prior thereto, but the judges of such election in each district shall take from the custodian thereof and use at such election the register of voters used in said district at the general election next preceding said election so as to be held as herein provided. If any person shall offer to vote in any such districts whose name does not appear on such registration list, his name shall be entered thereon upon his taking such oath, answering such questions, and complying with such other provisions as shall be required by the then existing laws regulating the registration of voters. After his name is so entered and before he receives the ballot, the judges shall administer the following oath:

“You do swear that you are a citizen of the United States; that you are twenty-one years of age, and have been a resident of this state for six months immediately preceding this election; that you are a qualified voter in this district; and that you have not voted at this election.”

Upon taking this oath if the judges are satisfied he is a qualified voter, he shall be allowed to vote. If such person refuses to take this oath, he shall not be allowed to vote and his name shall be removed from the register.

Sec. 27. **County canvassing board.**—The auditor, the chairman of the county board, and two qualified electors of the county, appointed by the auditor, one (1) known to be in favor of prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors, in said county, and one (1) known to be against prohibiting such sale, shall constitute the county canvassing board, any three of whom at least one being known to be in favor of prohibiting and one being known to be against prohibiting such sale, being present and sworn shall have power to act; and it shall be the duty of the auditor to appoint electors willing to act on said canvassing board as soon as practicable and within five (5) days after the day of said election. Such board, as soon as practicable and within ten (10) days after said election, shall meet at the auditor's office and there publicly canvass the returns made to said auditor. Such canvass shall, forthwith and within fifteen (15) days after said election, be completed and thereupon said board shall certify in writing the result of said canvass, and forthwith file their certificate thereof, duly signed by the members of the board so acting, with the county auditor of said county.

Sec. 28. **Validity of election may be contested.**—Any voter may contest the validity of such election, as provided by Sections 488, 489 and 490 of Mason's Minnesota Statutes for 1927, provided that it shall be the duty of the county attorney of such county to appear in defense of the validity of such election in any such contest in his county; and provided further that any voter of said county may appear at any time before trial and defend as contestee therein by serving written notice of his appearance signed by himself or his attorney on the contestant or his attorney, as provided by law, for the service of answers in civil actions. A writ of mandamus shall issue on information of any legal voter of said county to compel the performance of any duty enjoined upon any officer by this Act, and all the provisions of Chapter 87, of Mason's Minnesota Statutes for 1927 relating to mandamus proceedings shall apply to any proceedings hereunder as far as the same may be applicable.

Sec. 29. **County to be dry six months after election.**—If a majority of the votes at any such election be cast in favor of prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors then, and in that event, and not otherwise, from and after the time of the filing of the certificate of the county canvassing board, as herein prescribed, the operation and enforcement of every statute and of every municipal charter now existing or hereafter enacted or adopted, so far as the same shall make the granting of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors or the sale or other disposition thereof, optional with the voters of

towns, villages or cities, or any thereof, or in any manner authorize or relate to the granting or issuance of any such license shall become and be wholly suspended in said county, and in each town, village and city therein, and the selling or storing or having in possession for sale or soliciting, receiving or taking any orders for, intoxicating liquors in any quantity whatsoever, and the keeping of any place, structure or vehicle, transient or permanent, where such liquor shall be sold or stored or kept for sale, in any quantity whatever, in any place in such county, shall be illegal and prohibited, except as herein-after otherwise expressly provided and except further than licensees may sell intoxicating liquors until such time as their licenses shall be annulled under the provisions of this Act. And six (6) months from and after the time of the filing of the certificate of the county canvassing board, as herein prescribed, the operation and enforcement, within said county, and in each said town, village and city therein, of every statute, municipal charter and ordinance, now existing or hereafter enacted or adopted, so far as the same shall relate to the sale of intoxicating liquor by licensees or the conduct or regulation of licensed public drinking places shall likewise become and be suspended. Each such suspension of the operation and enforcement of every such statute, charter and ordinance, and such prohibition shall continue until another election hereunder shall be held in said county, at which the majority of the votes cast shall be against prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors therein, whereupon such suspension and such prohibition shall cease, and all of the then existing statutes, municipal charters and ordinances be thereafter operative and enforceable within said county until the operation thereof shall be again suspended and such prohibition again put in force, under and pursuant to the terms of this Act; provided, however, that no suspension of the operation or enforcement of any statute, charter or ordinance under this Act shall in any manner prevent or affect the prosecution or enforcement of any offense committed or any penalty incurred at a time prior to such suspension or when same was not in force.

Sec. 30. Not to issue licenses—when.—During the period of such prohibition and the suspension of the statutes and municipal charters first mentioned in the last preceding section, it shall be unlawful for any licensing board or council within said county to grant any license for the sale of intoxicating liquors therein. Every such license attempted to be granted in said county during such period of suspension or prohibition shall be null and void. And all licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors granted in said county

after the passage of this Act for a term which shall not have expired, shall six (6) months from and after such suspension of the statutes or charter pursuant to which the same was granted forthwith be annulled and the holder thereof be liable for the sale of any liquor made by him thereafter the same as though no license had ever been issued to him. The county or municipality issuing such license shall refund to the holder thereof the portion of the fees received and retained by it for such license corresponding to the unexpired term thereof, which shall thereupon be charged in its due proportion to the fund or funds to which it shall have previously been credited, appropriated or applied.

Sec. 31. **Violations—penalties.**—(a) Every person, company, corporation, club, association or society, directly or indirectly, either personally or by clerk, agent or employee, who shall sell or store or have in possession for sale, or shall solicit, receive or take any orders for intoxicating liquor, in any quantity whatever, or who shall keep any place, structure or vehicle, transient or permanent, where any such liquor shall be sold or kept for sale, in any quantity whatever in any county wherein the operation or enforcement of statutes, charters or ordinances shall be suspended or such prohibition be in force, as in this Act provided, in violation of the provisions of this Act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty (50) dollars and the cost of prosecution and be imprisoned in the county jail for not less than thirty (30) days, provided that the foregoing provisions in this section contained shall not apply to the keeper of any licensed drinking place until his license shall be annulled as hereinbefore prescribed, provided also that intoxicating liquor, manufactured in said county may be lawfully kept or stored at the place or places of such manufacture or any place in said county where necessary in due course of transportation from the place of manufacture, and provided further that any duly licensed and practicing physician or veterinarian may prescribe or any duly licensed pharmacist actually carrying on business as such may in good faith as such druggist or pharmacist dispense, or keep for the purpose of dispensing, intoxicating liquor under the conditions and restrictions and subject to the penalties prescribed in such cases by law.

(b) Whoever in making any affidavit accompanying the petition mentioned in Section 1 of this Act, shall knowingly, wilfully and corruptly swear falsely thereto, shall be deemed guilty of perjury and on conviction thereof be punished accordingly. Whoever forges the signature of any person upon any such petition shall be guilty

of forgery and on conviction thereof be punished accordingly. Any person, who, not being at the time a qualified voter of the county, shall with unlawful intent sign such petition or vote at any election held hereunder and any person who shall induce another, knowing that he is not a qualified voter of said county, to sign such petition or vote at such election, or who shall directly or indirectly present or cause to be presented to the auditor any such petition, knowing or having reason to believe that any signer thereof is not a qualified voter, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor. And any public officer or judge or clerk of election who shall wilfully fail, neglect or refuse to perform any duty imposed by this Act, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Sec. 32. **Certificates to be prima facie evidence.**—The certificate of the county canvassing board, filed as in this Act provided, or a duly certified copy thereof, shall be prima facie evidence in all courts of this state of the facts therein set forth and that said election was petitioned for, ordered, held and conducted, all as provided by law. In any complaint, information or indictment for the violation of any of the provisions of this Act, it shall not be necessary to set forth the facts showing that the required number of voters in the county petitioned for the election or that the election was held or that a majority voted in favor of prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquor as herein provided; but it shall be sufficient to allege that the Act complained of was then and there prohibited and unlawful.

Sec. 33. **Duties of officers.**—Every sheriff, constable, marshal and policeman shall summarily arrest any person found violating any provisions of this Act, and the president or mayor of every municipality shall make complaint of every known violation thereof. And every county attorney shall prosecute all cases arising under this Act within his county.

Sec. 34. **Laws and ordinances to be effective.**—Except as herein provided, all statutes and municipal charters and ordinances operative within the county shall be and remain in full force and effect, so far as the same in any way relate to intoxicating liquors, and keeping of unlicensed drinking places, or the sale or disposition of such liquors to any person or class of persons whomsoever or any penalty or liability therefor.

Sec. 35. **Act to be liberally construed.**—This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate the purpose of its enactment.

Sec. 36. **Form of petitions.**—The petition for election provided for in this Act, the order for such election, the notice thereof, to be made and filed by the auditor and thereupon served upon the clerk or recorder, and notice of such election to be prepared and posted by such clerk or recorder, and the certificate of the county canvassing board of the returns thereof, may be in the following forms, respectively.

“FORM OF SAID PETITION.

“To the Auditor of.....County, Minnesota:

“The undersigned legal voters of said county pray that an election be held in the said county to determine whether the sale of intoxicating liquor shall be prohibited therein, and we and each of us do solemnly swear (or affirm) that we are legal voters of said county and know the contents and purpose of this petition, and signed the same of our own free will.”

In Cities

Name of Signer	St.	No.	Residence

FORM OF SAID ORDER.

State of Minnesota

County of.....

“A petition having been filed with the undersigned auditor of said county, signed by a number of qualified electors of said county equal to more than twenty-five (25) per cent of the total number of votes cast in said county for Governor at the last preceding general election, praying that an election be held in the said county to determine whether the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited therein.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That a special election for such purpose be held in the various election districts in said county on theday of..... and that notice thereof be given as provided by law.

Dated the.....day of.....19.....

.....
County Auditor.”

FORM OF SAID AUDITOR'S NOTICE

"To the (Clerk or Recorder) of the (Town, village or city) ofin..... County, Minnesota.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, That a special election will be held in the several election districts in..... County on the..... day of..... 19.... for the purpose of voting upon the question whether the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited within said county.

..... County Auditor."

FORM OF SAID NOTICE TO BE POSTED.

"Election Notice."

"To the legal Voters of the (Town, village or city of..... in the County of..... Minnesota.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That a special election will be held at (insert location of polling place) (Insert "In the town of "or" In the village of....." or In the..... election district in..... ward of the city of....." as may be required) in said county, between the hours of..... o'clock in the forenoon and..... o'clock in the afternoon on the..... day of..... for the purpose of voting upon the question whether the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited within..... county.

..... Clerk (or recorder)"

FORM OF SAID CERTIFICATE.

"State of Minnesota County of.....

We, the undersigned, constituting the Board of Canvassers for said county, do hereby certify that we find and have so determined that, at the special election held in said county on the..... day of..... 19.... on the question whether the sale of intoxicating liquors should be prohibited in said county.... votes were cast in favor of prohibiting such sale and..... votes were cast against prohibiting such sale, and that a majority of..... votes at said election was (in favor of

or against according to the fact prohibiting such sale), (or that the result of said election was a tie, if such was the fact).

Dated this.....day of.....19.....
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County Canvassers.”

Sec. 37. Provisions severable.—If any part or provision of this Act shall for any reason be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not impair or invalidate any other part or provision in the remainder of the Act, and if any part or provision of this Act shall for any reason be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction constitutionally inapplicable to any case or provision, such judgment shall not impair or invalidate such part or provision as applied to any other case or situation within their terms.

Sec. 38. Law repealed.—Laws 1933, Chapter 115, and Laws 1915, Chapter 23, are hereby repealed.

Sec. 39. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved January 6, 1934.

CHAPTER 47—S. F. No. 95

An act to amend Laws of 1931, Chapter 4, as amended by Laws of 1933, Chapter 25:

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

Section 1. Treasurer may accept payment on state lands.—That Laws of 1931, Chapter 4, as amended by Laws of 1933, Chapter 25, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

“Section 1. That the treasurer of the State of Minnesota is hereby authorized to receive payments up to and including December 31st, 1937, of the principal on all state land certificates where the time for payment of said principal has expired, or will expire, on or before May 31st, 1937, and the governor of the state of Minnesota