

## CHAPTER 419—H. F. No. 374

*An act to amend Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 1002-1 as amended by Laws 1933, Chapter 377, as amended by Chapter 342, Laws 1935, relating to dissolution of townships.*

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

Section 1. **Law amended.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 1002-1 as amended by Laws 1933, Chapter 377, as amended by Chapter 342, Laws 1935, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

1002-1. **Dissolution of townships.**—Whenever the voters residing within a duly organized civil township in this state have failed to elect any township officials for more than ten years continuously immediately prior to the taking effect of this act, or said township has failed and omitted for a period of ten years to exercise any of the powers and functions of an organized civil township as provided by law, or whenever the assessed valuation of any duly organized civil township drops to less than \$40,000.00 or whenever the tax delinquency of any such township, exclusive of taxes that are delinquent or unpaid by reason of taxes being contested in proceedings for the enforcement of taxes, amounts to 50 per cent of its assessed valuation, or where the state or the federal government has acquired title to 50 per cent of the real estate of such township, which facts or any of them may be found and determined by the resolution of the county board of the county in which said township is located, according to the official records in the office of the county auditor of said county, the county board by resolution may declare any such township, naming the same, duly dissolved and no longer entitled to exercise any of the powers or functions of an organized township. *Provided, however, that in counties having a population according to the 1930 Federal Census of not more than 16,000 nor less than 15,000 inhabitants and having not more than 77 nor less than 75 full or fractional Congressional Townships, and in counties having a population according to the 1930 Federal Census of not more than 28,000 nor less than 27,000 inhabitants and having not more than 91 nor less than 90 full or fractional Congressional Townships, and in counties having a population according to the 1930 Federal Census of not more than 210,000 nor less than 200,000 inhabitants and having not more than 202 nor less than 200 full or fractional Congressional Townships, before any such dissolution shall become effective the freeholders of said township may express their approval or disapproval of such dissolution. The township clerk of any such township shall upon the petition of ten legal voters of such township, filed with him at least fifteen days before any regular or special township election thereof, give notice at the same time and in the same manner of such election that the question*

*of dissolution of such township will be submitted for determination at such 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 dissolution" or "against dissolution," which ballot shall be deposited in a separate ballot box to be provided, and the result of such voting shall be duly canvassed, certified and returned in the same manner and at the same time as other facts and returns of said election. If a majority of the votes cast at said election shall be for dissolution, such township shall be dissolved; and, if a majority of the votes cast at said election shall be against dissolution, such township shall not be dissolved.*

Whenever a township is dissolved under the provisions of this act, the county shall acquire title to any telephone company or any other business being conducted by such township and such business shall be operated by the board of county commissioners until such time as a sale thereof can be made, provided that the subscribers or patrons of such businesses shall have the first opportunity of purchase. If such dissolved township has any outstanding indebtedness chargeable to such business the county auditor of the county wherein such dissolved township is located shall levy a tax against the property situated in such dissolved township for the purpose of paying such indebtedness as it becomes due.

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

Approved April 24, 1937.

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#### CHAPTER 420—H. F. No. 345

*An act to amend Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Sections 6248-2, 6248-3 and 6248-9 relating to discriminations in the purchase of farm products.*

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

Section 1. **Law amended.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 6248-2, be amended so as to read as follows:

"6248-2. **Definitions.**—(a) The term "person" means an individual, firm, copartnership, corporation or association.

(b) The term "farm products" as used in this act shall mean and include butter, milk, cream, butterfat, cheese and other dairy products, honey, eggs, poultry and all livestock and products of livestock such as wool, mohair, hides and meats.