

CHAPTER 63—S. F. No. 556

An act establishing a State Geographic Board and defining the duties thereof.

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

Section 1. State Geographic Board established.—There is hereby established a state Geographic Board which shall consist of the Commissioner of Conservation, the Commissioner of State Highways, and the Superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society.

Sec. 2. Powers and duties.—It shall be the duty of the State Geographic Board and it shall have power and authority :

(a) To determine the correct and most appropriate names of the lakes, streams, places and other geographic features in the state, and the spelling thereof ;

(b) To pass upon and give names to lakes, streams, places and other geographic features in the state for which no single generally accepted name has been in use ;

(c) In cooperation with the county boards and with their approval, to change the names of lakes, streams, places and other geographic features, with the end in view of eliminating, as far as possible, duplication of names within the state ;

(d) To prepare and publish an official state dictionary of geographic names and to publish the same, either as a completed whole or in parts when ready ;

(e) To serve as the state representatives of the United States geographic board and to cooperate with the said board to the end that there shall be no conflict between the state and federal designations of geographic features in the state.

Sec. 3. Board to name lakes, streams, etc.—Whenever the State Geographic Board shall have given a name to any lake, stream, place and other geographic feature within the State, such name shall be used in all maps, records, documents and other publications issued by the State or any of its departments and political sub-divisions, and such name shall be deemed the official name of such geographic features.

Sec. 4. County boards must have approval of Geographic Board.—No County Board shall order the change of or establish the name of any lake, river, or other body of water without the written approval of the State Geographic Board endorsed on any resolution determining or fixing said name, which endorsement must be made on the same prior to recording with the Register of Deeds.

Sec. 5. **Inconsistent acts repealed.**—All acts or parts of acts now in effect inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby superseded, modified or amended to conform to and give full force and effect to the provisions of this act.

Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 8, 1937:

CHAPTER 64—H. F. No. 70

An act relating to Workmen's Compensation; abolishing as to all contracts of employment made after the effective date of this act, the right of an employe or employer to elect not to be bound by the Workmen's Compensation Act as it has heretofore existed under Section 4271, Mason's Minnesota Statutes, 1927; excluding certain employes and employers from the operation of this act but providing procedure by which certain of said excluded employers and employes may bring themselves within the provisions of this act; making all employers, except those specifically excluded, liable for compensation to employes and their dependents for accidental injury or death arising out of and in the course of their employment and requiring all such employers, except the state and the municipal subdivisions thereof, to either insure or self-insure such compensation liability; providing remedies for the employe when such employer does not comply with this act; fixing the liability of third parties, who, by their wrongful act or omission cause injury to or death of employes of others and granting the right of subrogation in such cases; fixing the liability of joint employers; granting to the Industrial Commission and courts the right to determine the reasonable value of legal services or disbursements in connection with proceedings hereunder on behalf of employes or their dependents; and repealing Sections 4261, 4262, 4263, 4264, 4265, 4266, 4267, 4268, 4269, 4270, 4271, 4272, 4277, and 4291, Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, all relating to compensation and all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith.

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

Section 1. **Employers right to elect abolished.**—The right of an employer and employe, as it has heretofore existed under section 4271, Mason's Minnesota Statutes, 1927, to elect not to be bound by the Workmen's Compensation Act is hereby abolished as to all contracts made after the effective date of this Act. On and after the effective date of this Act all employers and employes, except those