

CHAPTER 283.

S. F. No. 529.

An act to legalize policies of insurance issued by township mutual insurance companies in certain cases.

To legalize policies of township mutual companies.

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

SECTION 1. That no policy of insurance issued by any township mutual insurance company upon churches and schoolhouses shall be declared invalid or void on the ground that such company had no authority to heretofore issue such policy; but that all policies issued by any township mutual insurance company upon churches and schoolhouses, if otherwise legally issued and valid, shall from and after the passage of this act be of the same force, effect and validity as though such companies had had the authority to issue such policies of insurance.

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

Approved April 23, 1897.

CHAPTER 284.

S. F. No. 484.

An act to amend subdivision "A" of section seventeen (17) of chapter ten (10) of the general laws of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven (1887), entitled "An act to regulate common carriers and creating the railroad and warehouse commission of the state of Minnesota, and defining the duties of such commission in relation to common carriers."

Railroad and warehouse commission.

Be it enacted by the legislature of (the state) of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. Subdivision "A" of section seventeen (17) of chapter ten (10) of the general laws of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven (1887).

Annual reports from all common carriers.

Sec. 17. "A". That the commission is hereby directed to require annual reports from all common carriers, subject to the provisions of this act, to prescribe the manner in which said reports shall be made, and to require from such carriers specific answers to all questions upon which the commission may need information. Such annual reports shall show, in detail, the amount of capital stock issued, the amounts paid there-

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for and the manner of payment for the same, the dividends paid, the surplus fund, if any, and the number of stockholders, the funded and floating debts, and the interest paid thereon; the cost and value of the carrier's property, franchises and equipment; the number of employes and the salary paid each class; the amounts expended for improvements each year, how expended, and the character of such improvements; the earnings and receipts of each branch of business, and from all sources, the operating and other expenses; the balance of profit and loss, and complete exhibit of the financial operations of the carrier each year, including an annual balance sheet; also the total amount of acres of land received as grants either from the United States or from the state of Minnesota; the number of acres of said grant sold, and average price received per acre; the number of acres of grants unsold and appraised value per acre. Such detailed reports shall also contain such information in relation to rates or regulations concerning fares or freights and agreements, arrangements or contracts with express companies, telegraph companies, sleeping and dining car companies, fast freight lines and other common carriers as the commission may require, with copies of such contracts, agreements or arrangements. Said report shall contain, in detail, all the required statistics for the period of twelve (12) months ending on the thirtieth (30) day of June in each year, and shall be verified by the oath of the president, vice president, treasurer, comptroller, auditor or receiver of such common carrier, administered by a notary public or some officer authorized to administer an oath by the laws of the state or territory where said oath is taken and shall be made out and filed with said commission at its office in the city of St. Paul, on or before the thirtieth (30) day of September in each year, unless additional time be granted in any case by the commission; and if any common carrier subject to the provisions of this section shall fail to make and file such annual report within the time above specified, or within the time extended by the commission for making and filing the same, or shall fail to make specific answer to any lawful question authorized by the provisions of this section, such common carrier shall be subject to a penalty of one hundred (\$100) dollars for each and every day it shall continue to be in default with respect thereto, and each day it shall continue in default shall be a separate offense.

Reports to be submitted or before Sept. 30th each year. On

Penalty.

The penalties provided for in this section shall be collected and enforced by a civil action in the name of the state in any district court of this state, and the attorney

general is hereby authorized and directed to commence and prosecute all necessary action for the recovery of penalties provided by this section.

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

Approved April 23, 1897.

CHAPTER 285.

S. F. No. 560.

An act to amend section one of chapter thirty-three of the general laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three as amended by chapter one hundred and twenty-one of the general laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and entitled "An act defining what shall constitute a newspaper for publication of the laws of the state and legal notices, and to legalize publications heretofore made."

Defining a newspaper for publication of laws and legal notices.

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

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter thirty-three of the general laws of 1893 as amended by chapter one hundred and twenty-one of the general laws of 1895, is hereby further amended so as to read as follows:

Amendment.

Sec. 1. A newspaper in order to entitle it to publish the laws of this state shall conform to the definition herein contained, except that such paper may be published wholly or in part in a foreign language; and a newspaper in order to entitle it to publish any legal notices required by law to be published, shall, in addition to all requirements of the law now in force, conform to the following definition, viz:

For publishing state laws.

A newspaper is a collection of reading matter in columns and sheet form; the matter consisting of general and local news, comments and miscellaneous literary items, printed daily, tri-weekly, semi-weekly or weekly, at an established office or known place of business, in the English language, equipped with the necessary materials, excepting newspaper press, and skilled workmen for preparing and printing the same in whole or in part in the village, town or city in which it is dated, and generally circulated in the town, city or county where said office or place of business is located; *provided*, that no publication shall be considered a newspaper of general circulation unless it shall have been printed in whole or in part and published in the county for one year, and shall consist of the equivalent in space of four pages, or

For publishing legal notices.