

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

Approved April 23, 1897.

H. F. No. 925.

CHAPTER 332.

Preventing  
desecration of  
the U. S. flag.

*An act to prevent the desecration of the United States flag.*

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

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to use the national flag of the United States, or any copy or semblance thereof, for advertising purposes, and any person who shall with intent to use said flag for advertising purpose, either by printing, painting, or affixing or otherwise attaching to or upon said flag any advertisement for public display, or shall by printing, painting or affixing or otherwise attaching the said flag, or any copy or semblance thereof, to any article of merchandise with intent to advertise the same, or shall in any way use the said flag as or for an advertisement of or advertising medium of any kind, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding three (3) months.

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

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H. F. No. 918.

CHAPTER 333.

Constitutional amend-  
ment. High-  
ways.

*An act proposing an amendment to article nine (9) of the constitution of the State of Minnesota establishing the state road and bridge fund, and providing for the appointment of a state highway commission and prescribing its duties.*

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

SECTION 1. The following amendment to article nine (9) of the constitution of the state of Minnesota, to be known as section sixteen (16) thereof, is hereby pro-

posed to the electors of the state of Minnesota for their approval or rejection, to-wit:

For the purpose of lending aid in the construction and improvement of public highways and bridges, there is hereby created a fund to be known as the "state road and bridge fund." Said fund shall include all moneys accruing from the income derived from investments in the internal improvement land fund, or that may hereafter accrue to said fund, and shall also include all funds, accruing to any state road and bridge fund, however provided.

State road  
and bridge  
fund.

The legislature is authorized to add to such fund for the purpose of constructing or improving roads and bridges of this state, by providing, in its discretion, for an annual tax levy upon the property of this state of not to exceed in any year one-twentieth (1-20) of one (1) mill on all the taxable property within the state.

Legislature  
may levy tax  
to aid road  
and bridge  
fund.

The legislature is also authorized to provide for the appointment by the governor of the state, of a board to be known as the "state highway commission," consisting of three (3) members, who shall perform such duties as shall be prescribed by law without salary or compensation other than personal expenses.

Providing for  
state highway  
commission.

Such commission shall have general superintendence of the construction of state roads and bridges and shall use such fund in the construction thereof and distribute the same in the several counties in the state upon an equitable basis. *Provided, further*, that no county shall receive in any year more than three (3) per cent. or less than one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of one (1) per cent. of the total fund thus provided and expended during such year; *and provided, further*, that no more than one-third ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ), of such fund accruing in any year shall be expended for bridges, and in no case shall more than one-third ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ) of the cost of constructing or improving any road or bridge be paid by the state from such fund.

Duties of  
commission.

SEC. 2. The above proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people of the state for their approval or rejection at the general election to be held in the year 1898, and the returns of the vote cast shall be made and canvassed as the vote on constitutional amendments is returned and canvassed and proclamation made; and if a majority of the voters present and voting at any such general election shall vote in favor of such bill, it shall take effect and be in force as soon as proclamation is so made by the governor. The returns of the vote cast at any special election shall be made within thirty (30) days, and the vote canvassed and proclamation made within thirty (30) days thereafter.

Submission to  
voters at gen-  
eral election  
of 1898.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 23, 1897.

H. F. No. 596.

#### CHAPTER 334.

Religious corporations—  
Mortgage  
foreclosures,  
notice of.

*An act to provide for the service of notice of sale upon religious corporations in mortgage foreclosures by advertisement and to legalize such service in former cases.*

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

SECTION 1. That in all cases of mortgage foreclosure by advertisement when the notice of sale provided by law is to be served upon any church or religious corporation, by reason of such church or religious corporation or the members thereof holding their usual meetings in a church edifice or building situated upon the real estate described in said notice of sale, the service upon any officer or member of the board of trustees of such church or religious corporation shall be a sufficient, valid and legal service of such notice.

SEC. 2. That service of all such notices heretofore made in the manner provided in section one (1) of this act shall be held to be a legal service of such notice; provided, that this act shall not apply to actions now pending in which the validity of any such service is in controversy.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 23, 1897.

H. F. No. 303.

#### CHAPTER 335.

Defining vagrancy and fixing punishment.

*An act defining vagrancy and fixing punishment for the same.*

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

SECTION 1. Any person, except blind and other infirm persons, who roam about from place to place, begging or soliciting alms, or who are living without labor, or other visible means of support, and who are commonly