

CHAPTER 231.

H. F. No. 581.

An act granting to persons, co-partnerships and associations the same rights to maintain telephone lines and exchanges that are now granted to corporations by the laws of the state.

Telephone
privileges
extended.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby granted to persons, co-partnerships and associations the same rights, powers and privileges now granted to corporations by the laws of this state to operate telephone lines and for the erection and maintenance of telephone poles, telephone wires and exchanges.

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

Approved April 10th, 1901.

CHAPTER 232.

H. F. No. 234.

An act to amend section 7510 of the 1894 General Statutes of Minnesota, the same being section 4 of chapter 9 of the General Laws of Minnesota for the year 1893, relating to the parole of prisoners.

Parole of
prisoners.

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

SECTION 1. That section 7510 of the 1894 General Statutes of the State of Minnesota be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

Section 7510. The board of managers of the Minnesota state prison shall have authority, under such rules and regulations as the governor may prescribe, to issue a parole to any prisoner who is now, or hereafter may be, imprisoned in said state prison, whether committed on a time sentence or on the reformatory plan, or for life; *provided*,

Managers of
prison au-
thorized to
issue parole.

1. That no convict shall be paroled who is known to have served previous sentence in any prison for felony.

Conditions.

2. That no convict who is serving a time sentence shall be paroled until he shall have served at least one-half of the full term for which he was sentenced, not reckoning any good time.

3. That no convict who is serving under life sentence shall be paroled until he shall have served under such sentence thirty-five (35) years, less the diminution which he would have been allowed by law for good conduct had

he been sentenced for a term of thirty-five (35) years.

That no such life convict shall be paroled under the provisions of this act without the unanimous consent in writing of the members of the board of pardons, nor unless it appears to the board of managers that there is a strong and reasonable probability that he will live and remain at liberty without violating the law, and that his release is not incompatible with the welfare of society.

Geographical parole limits may be fixed in each such case, wholly within this state, which limits may be enlarged or reduced, according to the conduct of the prisoner so paroled.

4. That such convicts, while on parole, shall remain in the legal custody and under the control of the board of managers, and subject at any time to be taken back within the enclosure of said prison; and full power to retake and reimprison any convict so upon parole is hereby conferred upon said board, whose written order, certified by the warden, shall be sufficient warrant for all officers named in it to authorize such officers to return to actual custody any conditionally released or paroled prisoner; and it is hereby made the duty of all officers to execute said order the same as ordinary criminal process. Any persons paroled under the provisions of this act shall be returned to the actual custody by the board of managers whenever such persons shall exhibit himself or allow himself to be exhibited in any dime museum, circus, theater, opera house or any other place of public amusement or assembly, where a charge is made for admission.

5. That in considering applications for parole, it shall be unlawful for the board of managers of the state reformatory to entertain any petition, receive any written communication or hear any argument from any attorney or other person not connected with the said prison or reformatory, in favor of the conditional pardon of any prisoner; but the said board of managers may, if they deem proper, institute inquiries by correspondence, or otherwise, as to the previous history or character of any prisoner.

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

Unanimous
consent of
board of
pardons.

Parole
limits.

Paroled pris-
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charge of
board.

Petitions
prohibited.