

showing clearly the form of the existing sections, and of the same as they read if amended. Prior to the election, the secretary of state shall give three weeks published notice of such statement in each county of the state in which qualified newspapers are published and in not more than three newspapers in each county. *Provided*, that the maximum rate for such publication shall be fifty cents per folio for the first insertion and twenty-five cents per folio for each subsequent insertion. *Provided, however*, that one of the papers in which such statement is so published shall be of the opposite party affiliation from the other two so designated, if any there be in such county. He shall also forward to each county auditor a number of copies of such statement, in poster form, sufficient to enable him to supply at least six of such copies for each election district of his county. The auditor shall furnish such copies to the town, village and city clerks, who shall give three weeks posted notice thereof, and cause one copy to be conspicuously posted at each polling place on election day. Wilful or negligent failure by any official named to perform any duty imposed upon him by this section shall be deemed a misdemeanor.

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

Approved April 11, 1907.

CHAPTER 153—S. F. No. 120.

An Act to provide for state registration of nurses and the licensing of persons as registered nurses.

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

Nurses to obtain a certificate of registration.—Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to practice professional nursing as a registered nurse in this state unless such person shall have first obtained a certificate of registration as provided in this act.

Provides for appointment and election—qualification.—Sec. 2. A board of examiners to consist of five persons, one of whom shall be a regular licensed physician, is hereby created to carry out the purposes and enforce the provisions of this act. Said board shall be appointed by the governor, and the

other appointments shall be made from nurses engaged in active work who have been graduated for at least a period of five years from reputable training schools, and whose course of training is not less than three years' duration in actual hospital service, *provided*, that there shall always be two of said members on said board selected from nurses who have had at least two years' experience in educational work among nurses, or who have had two or more years' experience in the instruction of nurses in training schools; "and *provided*, *further* that after the appointment of the first board the nurses appointed on each succeeding board shall be appointed from the nurses registered under this act."

Term—bond to be given—officers.—Sec. 3. Each member of said board shall serve for a term of five years and until his or her successors are appointed and qualified, except in the case of the first board, whose members shall hold office as follows: One member shall be appointed to hold office for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years. Each member of said board shall give a bond in the sum of one thousand dollars, with securities to be approved by the secretary of state, conditioned for the faithful performance of his or her duties, and shall take the oath provided by law for public officers. Vacancies upon said board caused by death, resignation or expiration of the term of any member thereof shall be filled by appointment by the governor.

Officers.—Sec. 4. Said board shall elect from its members a president, a secretary and a treasurer, and shall have its headquarters at St. Paul, Minn.; shall have a common seal, and the secretary and president shall have power to administer oaths.

Compensation.—Sec. 5. Each member of said board shall receive a compensation of five dollars per day for each day of actual service, and ten cents per mile for each mile actually traveled in attending the meetings of the board, which compensation shall be paid out of any moneys in the hands of the treasurer of said board, *provided* that said compensation and mileage shall in no event be paid out of the state treasury.

Excess of fund shall be paid to state treasurer.—Sec. 6. Any money in the hands of the treasurer at the end of any year in excess of two hundred and fifty dollars shall be paid over by said board to the state treasurer, to be kept by him

for the future maintenance of the board, and to be disbursed by him upon warrants signed by the president and treasurer of said board.

Examinations—public notice given.—Sec. 7. Said board shall hold public examinations at least once in each year at St. Paul, Minnesota, and at such times as it may determine, and notice of the time and place of such examination shall be given by a publication thereof at least ten days before such examination, in a daily newspaper published at the capital of the state, and said board may give such other notice as it deems advisable. Any person desiring to obtain a certificate of registration under this act shall make application to said board therefor, and shall pay to the treasurer of said board an examination fee of five dollars, and shall present himself or herself at the next regular meeting of said board for examination of applicants, and upon said board being satisfied that the applicant is (1) of the age of twenty-one years or over, (2) of good moral character, (3) has received an education equivalent to that required for admission into high schools of this state, and (4) has graduated from a training school connected with a general hospital where three years of training, with a systematic course of instruction is given in the hospital, or has graduated from a training school in connection with a hospital of good standing supplying a systematic three years' training corresponding to the above standards, which training may be obtained in two or more hospitals, said board shall proceed to examine said applicant in both theoretical and practical nursing, and upon such applicant passing said examination to the satisfaction of said board, said board shall enter said applicant's name in the register, hereinafter provided for, and shall issue to said person a certificate of registration authorizing said person to practice the profession of nursing as a "registered nurse."

Graduates from training schools can register.—Sec. 8. All nurses graduating prior to Jan. 1, 1910, possessing the above qualifications, shall be permitted to register without examination upon payment of the registration fee. Nurses who shall show to the satisfaction of the board of examiners that they are graduates of training schools connected with a general hospital or sanitarium giving two years' training, or prior to the year 1897, having given one year's training, and who maintain in other respects proper standards, and are engaged in professional nursing at the date of the passage of

this act, or have been engaged in nursing five years after graduation, prior to the passage of this act, also those who are in training at the time of the passage of this act, and shall graduate hereafter, and possess the above qualifications, shall be entitled to registration without examination, provided such application be made before Jan. 1, 1910.

Eligibility.—Sec. 9. Graduates of training schools in connection with special hospitals, giving a two years' course, who shall obtain one year's additional training in an approved general hospital, shall be eligible for registration without examination before Jan. 1st, 1910, or said graduates shall be eligible for registration prior to said date upon passing a special examination before the board of examiners in subjects not adequately taught in the training schools from which they have been graduated.

Five years nursing entitled to take a practical examination.—Sec. 10. Any applicant who has pursued as a business the vocation of nursing for a period of not less than five years prior to the passage of this act, and who presents to the board a certificate testifying that he or she is competent to give efficient care to the sick, said certificate to be signed by one licensed physician and two registered nurses, shall be entitled to take a practical examination for state registration only during the two years immediately following the passage of this act.

License may be issued without examination.—Sec. 11. The board of examiners may issue license without examination, upon the payment of five dollars registration fee, to applicants who have been registered in other states having equal requirements.

Does not apply in certain cases.—Sec. 12. This act shall not be construed to apply to the gratuitous nursing of the sick by friends or members of the family, and also it shall not apply to any person nursing the sick for hire but who does not in any way assume to be a registered nurse.

Register to be kept.—Sec. 13. Said board shall keep a register in which shall be entered names of all persons to whom certificates are issued under this act, and said register shall at all times be open to public inspection.

Registered nurse.—Sec. 14. A person who has received his or her certificate according to the provisions of this act

shall be styled and known as a "Registered Nurse." No other person shall assume such title or use the abbreviation "R. N." or any other letters or figures to indicate that he or she is a registered nurse.

Board has power to revoke.—Sec. 15. Said board of examiners may revoke any certificate for sufficient cause, but before this is done the holder of said certificate shall have thirty days' notice, and after a full and fair hearing of the charges made, by a majority vote of the whole board, the certificate may be revoked.

Penalty for violation.—Sec. 16. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act, or who shall wilfully make any false representation to the board of examiners in applying for a certificate shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars and not less than ten dollars.

Sec. 17.—This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 12, 1907.

CHAPTER 154—S. F. No. 123.

An Act to confirm, legalize and validate bonds heretofore issued by organized townships in certain cases.

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

Validates township bonds in certain cases.—That all bonds which, prior to the passage of this act, and subsequent to January 11, 1906, have been issued, or issued and sold by any organized town or township in this state, for the purpose of constructing, altering, or repairing roads, or highways, in said town, or for the purpose of constructing, altering, or repairing roads and bridges in said town, or for the purpose of constructing, altering or repairing a town hall in said town, or any other lawful town improvement, whether purporting to have been issued under authority of chapter sixty-four of the General Laws of nineteen hundred and five, and any acts amendatory thereto, or purporting to have been issued under the authority of any other law or laws, for said purposes, are hereby declared to be in all things confirmed, ratified, legal-