

CHAPTER 325—H. F. No. 312.

An Act relating to asking or receiving bribes by public officers or members of either house of the legislature.

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

Bribery defined—evidence relating to.—Section 1.

Every executive or administrative officer, or person elected or appointed to an executive or administrative office, who asks, receives, or agrees to receive any bribe, or any consideration, upon an agreement or understanding that his vote, opinion, or action upon any matter then pending, or which may by law be brought before him in his official capacity shall be influenced thereby; every member of either house of the legislature of the state who asks, receives or agrees to receive any bribe, or any consideration, upon any understanding that his official vote, opinion, judgment, or action shall be influenced thereby, or shall be given in any particular manner or upon any particular side of any question or matter upon which he may be required to act in his official capacity, or who gives, offers or promises to give any official vote in consideration that another member of the legislature shall give any such vote, either upon the same or another question; every judicial officer, every person who executes any of the functions of a public office, not hereinbefore specified, and every person employed by or acting for the state, or for any public officer in the business of the state, who asks, receives or agrees to receive a bribe, or any consideration, or any money, property, or value of any kind, or any promise or agreement, therefor, upon any agreement or understanding that his vote, opinion, judgment, action, decision or other official proceeding shall be influenced thereby, or that he will do or omit any act or proceeding, or in any way neglect or violate any official duty—shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison not exceeding ten years, or by fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, or by both, and in addition thereto he shall forfeit his office and be forever disqualified from holding any public office under the state. No person shall be excused from attending and testifying before any court or magistrate upon an investigation, proceeding or trial for a violation of any of the provisions of this act upon the ground, or for the reason, that the testimony or evidence, documentary or otherwise, required of him may tend to convict him of a crime or subject him to a penalty or forfeiture,

but no person shall be prosecuted, or subjected to any penalty or forfeiture for, or on account of any transaction, matter or thing concerning which he may so testify, or produce evidence, documentary or otherwise, and no testimony so given or produced shall be received against him upon any criminal investigation or proceeding.

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

Approved April 23, 1907.

CHAPTER 326—H. F. No. 429.

An Act to amend sections 1836 and 1837, of chapter 24, Revised Laws 1905, relating to the soldiers' home board.

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

Duties of trustees.—Section 1. That section 1836 of chapter 24, Revised Laws 1905, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

“Said trustees shall be appointed by the governor, with the consent of the senate, each for the term of six years, and until his successor qualifies. Vacancies shall be filled by like appointment for the unexpired terms. They shall receive no pay for their services, but the expenses necessarily incurred by them in the performance of their duties shall be paid by the state out of the moneys provided for the support of the home. Not more than four of the trustees shall be members of the same political party, and in the selection of trustees, officers of the home, and employes of the board, preference shall be given to honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines. Each trustee shall give a bond to the state in the penal sum of five thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties and the economical expenditure of the funds provided for hereunder. The trustee who shall be selected by the board as treasurer of the home shall give an additional bond to the state in such sum as may be designated by the board of trustees, conditioned that such treasurer shall account for and pay over, according to the directions of said board, all moneys or other property which may come into his possession with the consent of the inmates from the inmates of such home as such treasurer. The surety on such