

CHAPTER 187—S. F. No. 49.

An Act to amend sections 1311, 1313, 1316 and 1317 of the Revised Laws of 1905, relating to the election of trustees and members of the school board in common school districts in the State of Minnesota, and relating to vacancies in such board and the filling of such vacancies and providing for the payment of salaries or compensation of trustees and members of the school board in districts embracing or containing more than ten townships.

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

Section 1. That section 1311 of the Revised Laws of 1905 be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1311. **Districts of ten or more townships—Trustees—How elected**—In all common schools districts in Minnesota embracing or containing ten or more townships, the trustees and members of the school board shall be elected as follows: In all such districts existing at the date of the passage of this act, the trustees and members of the school board shall continue to hold their respective offices, as follows: The chairman until August 1 following the next biennial general state election; the treasurer until one year from such date, and the clerk until two years from such date. If said terms of office or either of them so existing at the date of the passage of this act shall expire prior to said dates, that is, shall expire prior to August 1 following the next biennial general state election, and one year from said date, and two years from said date, as above stated, then and in that event the expiration of such term shall constitute a vacancy, and such vacancy shall be filled as provided by sections 1316 and 1317 of said Revised Laws of 1905, as amended hereby. At the first meeting of each newly created or organized district hereafter created or organized, containing ten or more townships, the chairman shall be elected to hold office until August 1 following the next biennial general state election, the treasurer until one year from said date, and the clerk until two years from said date. At the first biennial general state election held after the passage of this act in common school districts embracing or containing ten or more townships and at the first biennial general state election held after the organization of each new district embracing or containing ten or more townships, and in each biennial general state election thereafter, there shall be elected two members of said board, such members being elected to fill the offices expiring respectively August 1 after such election and one year from August 1 after such election, the term of office of one to commence August 1 in the year following his election, and that of the other August 1 in the second year following his election. The office to which each is so elected and the time of the

commencement of the term of each, with the length of term, shall be stated on the ballot. For the purpose of carrying into effect this act, and so as to enable the electors in each of such districts embracing or containing ten or more townships to elect officers at such biennial general state election, the general election laws of this state, including the primary election law, shall, so far as possible, be applicable hereto, and the candidates for said offices shall file for nomination and be chosen and nominated and their names placed upon the ballot, under and pursuant to the provisions of said general election law and the primary election law in this state, and such general election law and primary election law shall be made applicable hereto and carried out by the officers and persons having the performance and enforcement thereof, except that a separate ballot box shall be used and voters need not register. The votes shall be returned and canvassed and the persons elected notified in the same manner as in the election of county officers.

Sec. 2. That section 1313 of the Revised Laws of 1905 be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1313. School board of common school districts—The school board of each common school district shall consist of a chairman, a treasurer and a clerk. At the first meeting of each school district embracing or containing less than ten townships, the chairman shall be elected to hold office until August 1 following the next annual meeting; the treasurer until one year from such date, and the clerk until two years from such date. At the first meeting in each common school district embracing or containing ten or more townships, the chairman shall be elected to hold office until August 1 following the next biennial general state election, and the treasurer until one year from such date, and the clerk until two years from such date. Said trustees so elected in districts embracing or containing ten or more townships shall be paid such salary or compensation as the electors or legal voters of such district at the annual meeting thereof shall fix or determine, and the electors or legal voters of such district at the annual meeting thereof shall have power and are hereby authorized, by a majority vote, to fix and determine and authorize the payment of salaries or compensation to said trustees. The vote upon the payment of such salaries or compensation shall be by ballot.

Sec. 3. That section 1316 of the Revised Laws of 1905 be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1316. Vacancies—A vacancy in any school board or board of education elected by the people, shall be filled by the board at any legal meeting thereof until such vacancy can be filled by election at the next annual meeting, in school districts containing less than ten townships, and at the next general biennial state election in school districts embracing or containing

ten or more townships. Such appointment shall be evidenced by a resolution entered in the minutes. All appointments and elections to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired term.

Sec. 4. That section 1317 of the Revised Laws of 1905 be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1317. **Special election to fill vacancy**—If the board shall fail for ten days to fill any vacancy, a special meeting may be called for that purpose by ten days' posted notice signed by three qualified voters, freeholders or householders of the district, setting forth the object of the meeting. Officers elected at such meeting shall hold for the unexpired term, but no such meeting shall be held within thirty days before the annual election or annual meeting in districts containing less than ten townships nor within thirty days before the general biennial state election in districts embracing or containing ten or more townships.

Sec. 5. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 188—S. F. No. 238.

An Act to amend section 1391, Revised Laws of 1905, relating to the duties of the State High School Board, and providing for State High School Board examinations for private schools and academies in this state under certain conditions.

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

State high school board examinations extended to private schools and academies.—Sec. 1. Section 1391, Revised Laws of 1905 is hereby amended to read as follows: The board shall establish rules, relating to examinations, reports, acceptances of schools, and courses of study, and other proceedings in connection with high and graded schools applying for special state aid, and shall prescribe and enforce the maintenance of an optional English or business course, as equivalent to the preparatory collegiate course; but the school board of any district may substitute any proper studies in place of any studies embraced in such course. *Provided*, that the privileges of the state high school board examinations shall be extended, under the supervision of the board to the private schools and academies in this state which make application therefor, and the courses of study and requirements for graduation of which correspond in general to that of state high schools, and which said private schools and