

CHAPTER 198—S. F. No. 24.

An Act to validate and confirm certain village corporations.

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

Certain village corporations confirmed.—Section 1. That all villages incorporated or attempted to be incorporated under and pursuant to the provisions of chapter 9, Revised Laws of Minnesota, 1905, and acts amendatory thereto, between June 1st, 1907, and March 1st, 1908, and also between January 1st, 1911, and March 1st, 1911, in which incorporations or attempted incorporations the certificate of the inspectors of election was not filed in the office of the county auditor with the election returns and poll list, but was made and filed at a later date, and which villages have ever since maintained and still maintain a village form of government, are hereby in all things legalized, validated and confirmed, and declared legally incorporated villages without reference to whether the platted portions of the territory so incorporated or attempted to be incorporated are contiguous, or whether such territory is urban or agricultural in character, and notwithstanding any errors or omissions of any matter or thing by law required as a pre-requisite to the incorporation of such villages, and notwithstanding any defect in the petition, notice of election or certificate of inspectors of election in and about such incorporation or attempted incorporation. *Provided*, however, that nothing herein contained shall affect any action now pending.

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

Approved April 18, 1911.

CHAPTER 199—S. F. No. 99.

An Act to regulate the disposition and custody of infants born in lying-in places.

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

Report to be made to probate judge.—Section 1. That from and after the passage and publication of this act all persons holding a permit and operating a lying-in place, under the provisions of section 2304, Revised Laws of Minnesota, 1905, shall within three days after the birth thereof, in addition to the reports now required by law, make a written report of the birth

of every child born upon the premises, to the probate judge of the county within which such place is located, and shall within thirty-three days after the birth of such child, file a second and further report and state therein the physical condition, location and in whose custody such child was on the thirtieth day after its birth to the best of her knowledge.

Application for custody of child.—Sec. 2. If any person not a relative of either parent of such child, desires to take the child into their custody for adoption or permanent care, such person shall apply to the judge of probate of the county in which such applicant resides, for a permit to take such child into their custody. The application shall describe the child—give its name, age, sex and parentage, religious denomination, if any, place of birth and present location, so far as known to the applicant, and shall contain a true statement of the applicant's ability to provide for such child. If the judge of probate shall find, upon investigation that such person is worthy and competent to have the custody of such child he may at any time after a period of three days from the time said application is presented to him, issue a permit to such applicant to take the child into their custody for adoption or permanent care. Such permit shall be presented to the judge of probate of the county wherein the child is, and if he indorses upon it his approval, the applicant may take the said child into his custody, and shall file a certificate of the fact with said judge of probate, and also with the judge of probate in the county wherein he resides. The applicant for such permit shall pay the judge of probate a fee of two dollars (\$2.00) upon making application for permit. It is required that a child shall be placed in a family of the same religious faith as that of its parent, when it is so stipulated by the parent.

Permit to be issued.—Sec. 3. No person shall place a child born in such lying-in place, in charge of another who is not a relative of either parent thereof, without first receiving a certified copy of the permit provided in the foregoing section.

Judge to commit child to some competent person or corporation.—Sec. 4. Upon complaint made to the judge of any probate court in the state that any person has in his custody a child that has been born in a lying-in place, coming under the provisions of this act, without having first obtained a permit, and that such person is not a proper person to have the custody of such child, such judge shall issue a citation requiring such person to produce such child before him at a time and place therein mentioned and if upon hearing the judge finds that such person is not a proper person to have the custody of such child he shall commit the child to the custody of some com-

petent person or corporation whose purpose it is to place children in family homes for adoption or permanent care.

Sec. 5. Failure to comply with the provisions of this act shall be a misdemeanor.

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

Approved April 18, 1911.

CHAPTER 200—S. F. No. 205.

An Act to make certified copies from the office of the Director of the Federal Census, showing the population of the several political divisions of the state, prima facie evidence of such population.

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

Governor to secure certified copy of federal census as to the political divisions of Minnesota.—Section 1. That the governor of the State of Minnesota shall obtain from the director of the federal census, such certified copies thereof as will show the population of the several political divisions of this state, which said certified copies shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state, and thereafter the several political divisions of the state for all purposes, unless otherwise provided, shall be deemed to have the population thereby disclosed. Copies thereof, duly certified to by the secretary of state, shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein disclosed in all the courts of this state.

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

Approved April 18, 1911.

CHAPTER 201—S. F. No. 347.

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An Act authorizing cities of the first class in the State of Minnesota to establish and maintain a purchasing department as a branch of the city government, and to appoint purchasing agents and other employes of such department and to prescribe their duties and make rules and regulations for the conduct and management of such purchasing department.

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

Purchasing department for cities operating under home rule charter.—Section 1. Each and every city of the first class in the state of Minnesota, not having or operating under a home-rule charter adopted pursuant to section 36 of article 4 of the