

Section 1308. The annual meeting, not less than five legal voters being present shall have power:

1. To elect a chairman and clerk pro tem, if the chairman and clerk of the board be absent; but in common and independent districts the chairman and clerk of the school board shall officiate in their respective capacities at all meetings of the electors of the district.

2. To adjourn from time to time.

3. To elect by ballot officers of the district. In all elections or vote by ballot, the clerk shall record the names of all voters participating therein, and the chairman shall appoint as tellers two disinterested electors, who, with the assistance of the clerk shall supervise the balloting and canvass the votes.

4. To designate a site for a school house, and provide for building or otherwise placing a school house thereon, when proper notice has been given, but a site on which a school house stands or is begun shall not be changed, except by vote therefor, designating a new site, by a majority of the legal voters of the district, who have resided therein not less than one year prior to the vote.

5. To repeal and modify their proceedings from time to time, in accordance with the powers therein conferred.

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

Note.—Sub-division 4 is amended by omitting after the provision contained in this bill the following:

“And of two-thirds of the voters voting upon the question,” except that, in districts having but one school house, if such school house be more than one-half mile from the center of the district, such site may be changed to a more central location by a majority vote of those present and voting on the question of change.

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An Act regulating the collection, indexing, preservation and use as evidence, of vital statistics.

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

Town clerks to transmit statistics of births and deaths.—

Section 1. Statistics of births and deaths shall be obtained, received and transmitted to the state board of health by the clerks of boroughs, villages and towns of the state. In cities such statistics shall be obtained, received and transmitted by the

health officer. The duties of said health officers and clerks shall be those imposed by law upon local registrars, and said officers shall be known in connection with such duties as, and be governed by the laws and rules relative to local registrars.

Secretary of state board to tabulate facts.—Sec. 2. On or before March 1st, of each year, the secretary of the state board of health shall tabulate all the facts shown in the returns of local registrars or their legally appointed deputies, as having occurred during and after the year 1911, and shall transmit to the clerk of the district court of each county a certified copy of such tabulated statement, so far as the same relates to the vital statistics of such county, and each clerk of the district court shall file, index and preserve such certified copy of said facts relative to such births and deaths in his county, and such certified copy of the statement of facts relative to the births and deaths in said county, shall be prima facie evidence of each and every fact contained therein.

Payment of town clerk.—Sec. 3. Upon the receipt of the certified copies of the tabulated statement of the secretary of the State Board of Health, all facts as to the births and deaths in said county being received and filed, the said clerk of the district court shall issue to each local registrar a voucher showing the amount due him for the services he shall have rendered in the obtaining, receiving and transmitting of vital statistics, and upon the presentation of said voucher to the county auditor, a warrant for the amount thereof shall be issued by him to each holder of said voucher.

Duties of clerks of courts.—Sec. 4. The clerks of the district courts of the several counties of the state shall index, as speedily as possible, all the records of births and deaths now in their offices and which have not been indexed, in a suitable book to be purchased therefor at the expense of the county; and such clerks shall be paid by the county, five cents for each name so indexed. The forms of indexes and indexing shall be prescribed by the secretary of the state board of health. All statistics of births and deaths hereafter received shall be so indexed without other compensation than the clerk's salary, or such fees as is herein provided in counties where the clerk is not on a salary basis.

Application.—Sec. 5. Section four (4) of this act shall not apply to any county having a population of over one hundred thousand.

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

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