

CHAPTER 251—S. F. No. 170.

An Act to amend section 5454, Revised Laws of Minnesota for 1905, relating to sentence and term of imprisonment.

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

Male person may be sentenced to reformatory.—Section 1. That section 5454, Revised Laws of Minnesota for 1905, be amended so as to read as follows:

5454. Sentence—term of imprisonment.—Any male person not less than sixteen nor more than thirty years of age, convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment in the state prison, and never before sentenced to a state prison or reformatory, may be sentenced to the reformatory, which sentence shall be without limit as to time. The commitment and accompanying papers shall be the same as upon a sentence to the state prison. Such imprisonment shall not exceed the maximum term, and may be terminated by the board of control at any time after the expiration of the minimum term provided by law for the crime. Whenever after sentence to the reformatory the term of confinement for such offense has been reduced by law, said board may release after service of such reduced term.

Note.—The above bill amends the present law governing commitments to the state reformatory. The present law permits the commitment of women as well as of men, while there is absolutely no place at the reformatory for the safekeeping of women. Those now committed there must be either kept in a private residence or transferred to the prison.

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CHAPTER 252—S. F. No. 234.

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An Act to give the Railroad and Warehouse Commission jurisdiction over track scales used by common carriers, and to require the installation of the same.

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

Track scales may be enforced.—Section 1. The railroad and warehouse commission shall have power to order in and require the installation of track scales used by common carriers at all points in the state where the same are deemed to be necessary, and enforce reasonable regulations for the weighing of cars and of freight.

All track scales used by common carriers for the purpose of weighing carload freight shall be under the control and juris-

diction of the commission and subject to inspection, exempt from the jurisdiction of sellers of weights and measures. The entire cost of such supervision and inspection shall be a proper charge against the common carriers interested in or owning the several scales, the same to be paid upon a statement rendered by the commission. All moneys collected shall be credited to the grain inspection fund.

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

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CHAPTER 253—S. F. No. 276.

An Act providing for and regulating distribution of assets to stockholders in certain cases by corporations organized to do both a title insurance and trust company business.

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

Distribution of assets to stockholders.—Section 1. Any corporation heretofore organized under the laws of this state, transacting both a title insurance and trust company business, which now or at any time hereafter has ceased to do new business by majority vote of its stockholders, or otherwise, and has not issued a policy of insurance for a period of ten years, and has fully executed or surrendered and been discharged from its trusts and has satisfied all obligations on account thereof and all other of its debts and obligations other than its contingent liability on its outstanding policies of insurance, may make distribution of its assets to stockholders by complying with the provisions of this act.

May petition district court.—Sec. 2. Any such corporation may petition the district court of the county of its principal place of business to ascertain and determine the legal nature and character of its liability on its policies of insurance and the amount of securities to be set apart and deposited as a guaranty fund to pay and discharge such liability.

Power of district court.—Sec. 3. Upon the presentation of such petition, the court shall fix a time and place for hearing thereon and order six weeks published notice thereof, to be given and such other notice to parties interested as it may deem proper. At the time and place so fixed, the court shall hear the allegations and evidence of all parties interested and if it shall appear to the satisfaction of the court that such corporation has