

examination or investigation as aforesaid, may be summarily punished by the said commissioner of insurance or his deputy, as for contempt by a fine in a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars.

Sec. 17. **District court resorted to for enforcement.**—Disobedience of any subpoena in such proceeding, or contumacy of a witness, may, upon application of the commissioner of insurance, be punished by any district court in the same manner as if the proceedings were pending in such court.

Sec. 18. **No commission to be allowed to unlicensed agent.**—No commission or other compensation shall be paid or allowed by any person, firm or corporation to any other person, firm or corporation acting or assuming to act as an insurance agent or broker without a license therefor.

Sec. 19. **Violation a misdemeanor.**—Any person, firm or corporation violating or failing to comply with any of the provisions of this act, and any person who acts in any manner in the negotiation or transaction of unlawful insurance with an insurance company not licensed to do business in the state, or who as principal or agent violates any provision of law relating to the negotiation or effecting of contracts of insurance, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 20. **When license is to be revoked.**—The commissioner of insurance shall revoke the license of any agent or broker or officer, director, manager or other official of any insurance company refusing or neglecting to appear or testify at any hearing held before the commissioner of insurance, or failing or refusing to produce any books, papers or documents demanded by the commissioner of insurance, when such persons have been notified by the commissioner of insurance in writing to so appear and testify or produce books, papers or documents at such hearing.

Sec. 21. Chapters 107, 223 and 514 of the Laws of 1913 are hereby repealed.

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CHAPTER 196—H. F. No. 757.

An Act to amend Section 3431, General Statutes of Minnesota 1913, relating to the capital of real estate title insurance companies, providing for setting apart a part thereof as a guaranty fund and authorizing such companies to make abstracts of title to real property for compensation.

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

Section 1. **Deposit of guarantee fund to be made with insurance commissioner and company given right to collect income.**—

That Section 3431 of the General Statutes of Minnesota 1913 be, and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 3431. The capital stock of every real estate title insurance company shall not be less than \$200,000.00, and before issuing any policy or other contract of guaranty or insurance, it shall set apart and keep separate not less than two-fifths thereof, and not less than \$100,000.00 in any case as a guaranty fund, and invest the same according to law, and the securities in which said guaranty fund is invested shall be duly deposited with the commissioner of insurance for Minnesota, and his certificate thereof procured as provided by law. Such deposit shall be maintained unimpaired, and the principal of such fund shall be applied only to the payments of losses and expenses by reason of its guaranty and insurance contracts, with the right to the company to collect the income thereof and to substitute other like securities of equal amount and value from time to time. After the investment of such portion of its capital stock as hereinbefore provided, and the deposit of the securities in its guaranty fund as aforesaid, the remainder of its capital stock may be invested in such securities, records, abstract plants and equipment as the board of directors of such company shall determine to be suitable for the transaction of its business, and in addition to the powers now possessed, such companies are authorized to make abstracts of title to real property for compensation. Two-fifths of every increase of capital shall be likewise set apart and added to such fund so that the same shall always be at least two-fifths of its entire capital, and it shall make no contract of guaranty or insurance when it is less.

Approved April 20, 1915.

CHAPTER 197—H. F. No. 810.

An Act to legalize proceedings heretofore had for the annexation of unorganized territory to school districts, in certain cases.

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

Section 1. **Certain proceedings for annexation of territory to school districts validated and confirmed.**—Wherever a petition shall have been heretofore presented to a board of county commissioners, purporting to have been signed by a majority of the freeholders or legal voters, residing within a school district, however organized, in said county, and qualified to vote at school meetings in said district, praying for the annexation of certain unorganized territory to said school district, and said board of county commissioners, after consideration of said matter shall have made an order granting said petition and annexing said