

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its approval. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved April 14, 1917.

CHAPTER 231—H. F. No. 1182.

An act to amend Section 8697, General Statutes, 1913, by eliminating therefrom the word "bastard."

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

Section 1. Punishment for concealing birth of causing death of child and the elimination of the word "bastard" from the statutes.—Section 8697, General Statutes, 1913, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

8697. Every person who shall endeavor to conceal the birth of a child by any disposition of its dead body, whether the child died before or after its birth, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; and every woman who, having been convicted of endeavoring to conceal the still-birth of any issue of her body, which if born alive would be *illegitimate*, or the death of such issue under the age of two years, shall, subsequent to such conviction, endeavor to conceal any such birth or death, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than five years.

Approved April 14, 1917.

CHAPTER 232—H. F. No. 1184.

An act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 314, Laws 1913, being Section 6550, General Statutes, 1913, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 61, Laws 1915, so as to take away certain power therein granted to parents to assign the custody of their children to certain corporations.

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

Section 1. Powers granted to certain corporations in the custody, care, and supervision of the welfare of children.—Section 2 of Chapter 314, Laws 1913, being section 6550, General Statutes, 1913, as amended by section 2, chapter 61, Laws 1915, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 2. The persons so executing said certificate and their successors shall thereupon become a corporation by the name specified therein with all the powers of a common law corporation. It may sue and be sued by its corporate name, have perpetual succession, adopt a corporate seal, and change the same at pleasure. It may in its corporate name acquire and

receive, by purchase, gift, grant, devise, and bequest, any property, real, personal or mixed and the same hold, sell, convey, assign, loan, lease, or otherwise use for the purposes named in its certificate of incorporation, and for such time and in such manner as may be directed by any grantor or testator who may make a gift, devise or bequest to such corporation, to be administered and used as provided in this act; and it shall have no power to divert any gift, grant or bequest from the specific uses and purposes designated by the donor or testator. Such corporation shall have no capital stock; and any court of equity, on its own motion or upon application, may have and exercise visitatorial powers over its officers and affairs. Every such corporation so formed may receive and become the legal guardian of any resident child under twelve years of age, who is grossly ill-treated, or who has been abandoned, or is without a home or surrounded by bad or immoral influences. It may contract in writing with any person who, after sixty days' trial, shall take, without adopting, any such child, for its proper care until sixteen years of age, if a girl, and eighteen years of age if a boy; such contract shall specify what amount, if any, is to be paid to such child at the expiration of such period, but shall contain no provision for its political or sectarian training, or education. Such corporation shall keep careful supervision of all children placed by it, and except in case of legal adoption, shall require from persons taking them a full report of their condition and welfare at least once a year; and its agents shall have the right to visit such children and personally investigate their conditions as often as may be deemed desirable. If such corporation become satisfied, upon due investigation, that the influence of any home is harmful, or the treatment of the child is unduly severe or inconsiderate, it may require, through its board of directors or managing officer, the return of such child to the main office of such corporation, at the expense of the family having it.

Approved April 14, 1917.

CHAPTER 233—H. F. No. 1190.

An act to amend Section 9412, General Statutes, 1913, relating to definitions of certain words and phrases by adding a new subdivision.

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

Section 1. Application of "Juvenile Court."—Section 9412, General Statutes, 1913, is hereby amended so as to add after subdivision 8, a new subdivision, to be known as subdivision 8-A, as follows: