

quire the secretary and, in its discretion, may require his assistants to give a bond payable to the state in such sum as the board shall determine.

Sec. 6. To be furnished with office quarters, furniture and supplies.—Said secretary shall be provided with suitable quarters, office furniture and supplies, and be allowed necessary expenses when traveling on official business. All expense accounts of the secretary shall be approved by the board of investment, and when so approved, shall be audited and paid as provided by law.

Sec. 7. State treasurer to continue in custody of bonds and securities.—The state treasurer shall continue to have the custody of the bonds and securities belonging to the trust funds of the state, but the secretary shall have access thereto in the presence of a representative of the state treasurer, during the usual office hours of the treasury department.

Approved April 17, 1917.

CHAPTER 272—S. F. No. 80.

An act to amend Section 7238, General Statutes 1913, of the state of Minnesota, relating to the descent of real and personal property.

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

Section 1. Distribution and descent of property.—That section 7238, General Statutes of the state of Minnesota 1913, be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 7238. The surviving spouse shall also inherit an undivided one-third of all other lands of which decedent at any time during coverture was seized or possessed, to the disposition whereof, by will or otherwise, such survivor shall not have consented in writing, except such as have been transferred or sold by judicial partition proceeding or appropriated to the payment of decedent's debts by either execution or judicial sale, by general assignment for the benefit of creditors, or by insolvency or bankruptcy proceedings, and subject to all judgment liens. But the land so inherited shall be subject in their just proportion to such debts of the decedent as are not paid out of his personal estate. The residue of such other lands, or, if there be no surviving spouse, then the whole thereof, shall descend, subject to the debts of the intestate, in the manner following:

First—in equal shares to his surviving children, and to the lawful issue of his deceased children, by right of representation.

Second—if there is no surviving child and no lawful issue of any deceased child, and the intestate leaves a surviving spouse, then the whole estate shall descend to such spouse.

Third—if the intestate leaves no issue nor spouse, his estate shall descend to his father and mother in equal shares, or, if but one survives, then to such survivor.

Fourth—if there be no surviving issue nor spouse, nor father nor mother, his estate shall descend in equal shares to his brothers and sisters, and to the lawful issue of any deceased brother or sister, by right or representation.

Fifth—if the intestate leaves neither issue, spouse, father, mother, brother nor sister his estate shall descend to his next kin in equal degree, except that when there are two or more collateral kindred in equal degree, but claiming through different ancestors, those who claim through the nearest ancestor shall be preferred to those claiming through an ancestor more remote.

Sixth—if any person dies leaving several children, or leaving one child and the issue of one or more other children, any such surviving child dies under age and not having been married, all the estate that came to the deceased child by inheritance from such deceased parent shall descend in equal share to the other children of the same parent, and to the issue of any such other children who have died, by right of representation.

Seventh—if, at the death of such child, who dies under age and not having been married, all the other children of his said parent being also dead, and any of them having left issue, the estate that came to such child by inheritance from his said parent shall descend to all the issue of the other children of the same parent, according to the right of representation.

Eighth—if the intestate leaves no spouse nor kindred, his estate shall escheat to the state.

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

Approved April 17, 1917.

CHAPTER 273—S. F. No. 142.

An act authorizing incorporated villages of 1,000 or more population in this state to levy and assess a half mill tax for the purpose of providing musical entertainment in public buildings or upon public grounds.

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

Section 1. **Villages permitted to appropriate \$500 for public entertainment.**—That the village council of any village of 1,000 or more population in this state is hereby authorized to annually levy a half mill tax against the taxable property in such village for the purpose of providing musical entertainment to the