

CHAPTER 452—H. F. No. 569.

An act to prohibit the placing of obstructions, and authorizing the removal thereof, which interfere with seining in the waters within this state or within the waters of the St. Croix river, including that part thereof known as Lake St. Croix, the waters of the Mississippi river below the mouth of the St. Croix river, including that part thereof known as Lake Pepin.

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

Section 1. Prohibiting obstructions interfering with seining in certain rivers.—No person shall place, maintain or cause to be placed or maintained in any place which has been or shall be used or prepared for seining in the waters within this state or in the waters of the St. Croix river, including that part thereof known as Lake St. Croix, the waters of the Mississippi river below the mouth of the St. Croix river, including that part thereof known as Lake Pepin, any obstructions, except lawfully constructed docks or boat landings, or licensed fishing nets legally set, or buoys or boats properly stationed or anchored, which will in any manner interfere with, hinder or prevent such seining or the use of operation of seines in such places by persons duly licensed to operate such seines in any of such waters; and any person or persons so licensed to operate such seines shall for such purpose have the full right to remove any and all such obstructions from such places in any of such waters, and in case it becomes necessary in operating such seines to remove duly licensed fishing nets legally set no damage shall be done thereto and such fishing nets shall be immediately reset by such person or persons as soon as said seines have been drawn.

Sec. 2. Penalty for violation.—Any person or persons who shall violate any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00 or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period of not less than thirty days nor to exceed ninety days.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 453—H. F. No. 610.

An act to provide for consolidation of certain school districts in connection with villages and cities of the fourth class.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Consolidation of school districts.—When an incorporated village or a city of the fourth class contains two or

more school districts of any kind situated wholly or in part within the corporate limits of such village or city, when only one of such districts maintains a state high school, such districts may be consolidated and form one district in the manner hereinafter provided.

Sec. 2. State superintendent of education to consider advisability of consolidation.—Whenever a petition signed by at least one hundred legal voters residing within the proposed consolidated district shall be presented to the state superintendent of education requesting that the said districts be united to form one district, and requesting the said state superintendent to call an election within the proposed consolidated district to vote upon the consolidating of such districts, the state superintendent of education shall make proper inquiry as to advisability of such proposed consolidation and if he shall deem it for the best interests of education therein, he shall order an election to determine the question of such proposed consolidation to be held within the proposed consolidated district. Notice of such election shall be given by posted and published notice as required by law for the consolidation of school districts. Such election shall be conducted in the same manner as are annual school elections in independent districts. The vote shall be by ballots which shall read "For Consolidation" or "Against Consolidation."

Sec. 3. Certifying election.—The officers of such election shall certify and make return of the result of the election to the county auditor of each county in which any part of any of said districts lies. If a majority of the legal votes cast at such election shall be in favor of consolidation, such districts shall be consolidated, and the state superintendent of education shall make an order setting forth such fact and shall file the same with the auditor of each county in which the districts so united are located.

Sec. 4. Existing indebtedness.—Nothing in this act shall be construed to transfer the liability of existing indebtedness from the district or territory against which it was originally incurred.

Sec. 5. State aid.—A consolidation formed under this act shall not entitle the district to any of the state aid for consolidated schools unless the district and its schools conform in all respects to the provisions for consolidated schools under chapter 238, General Laws of 1915.

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

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