

quire, hold or dispose of property within this state, or to sue or maintain any action at law or otherwise in any courts in this state, shall, in writing, appoint an agent duly authorized to accept service of process and upon whom service of process may be had in any action to which such corporation shall be a party, and service upon such agent shall be due and personal service upon such corporation. *Such agent shall reside in this state and, maintain an office or place of business therein, and such appointment shall set forth the residence of said agent and the street number address of the office or place of business of said agent.* An authenticated copy of the appointment of such agent shall be filed with the Secretary of State and a certified copy thereof shall be prima facie evidence of the appointment and authority of such agent.

In case the place of residence or the office or place of business of said agent shall be changed after the filing of said appointment, an affidavit of such agent, setting forth his place of residence and street number address of his office or place of business, shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

Provided that if said agent cannot be found in the county of his residence, as shown by the return of the sheriff of such county upon such process, then the same may be served by leaving with the Secretary of State two copies thereof, and thereupon the Secretary of State shall immediately mail one such copy to the corporation at its address as stated in the records of the Secretary of State, and one copy to the agent of such corporation at his address as set forth in the appointment of such agent or the affidavit herein provided.

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

Approved March 3, 1917.

CHAPTER 50—H. F. No. 857.

An act to legalize the proceedings for the incorporation of certain societies under Title 3 of Chapter 34 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for 1878.

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

Section 1. Proceedings for incorporation and acts, etc., of officials of Minneapolis Lodge of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks legalized.—That where proceedings for incorporation under Title 3 of Chapter 34 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for 1878 have heretofore been had or taken by any persons and the corporation so formed, or attempted to be formed, has entered upon the transaction of business without having filed its articles of incorporation in the office of the Secretary of State but has filed said articles in the office of the Register of

Deeds of the proper county, and has since filed and caused to be recorded a copy of said articles with the Secretary of State, certain proceedings for such incorporation, if otherwise conformable to law, are hereby legalized and made valid and said corporation is duly legalized and made valid as if said articles had originally been filed in both of said offices; and all acts, contracts or proceedings of such corporation, its trustees, officers and agents, are hereby legalized and confirmed and made of the same validity as though such articles had been filed in both of the offices, of the Secretary of State and the office of the Register of Deeds of the proper county, before such business had been transacted.

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

Approved March 3, 1917.

CHAPTER 51—S. F. No. 88.

An act providing for the appointment of court reporters in the Fourteenth Judicial District of this state defining the duties and fixing the compensation of such reporters.

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

Section 1. Fourteenth Judicial District court reporter to receive salary of \$2500 per year, and expenses, and to be appointed by judges.—In the Fourteenth Judicial District of the State of Minnesota each judge may appoint a competent stenographer as reporter of the court to hold office and qualify in the same manner, perform the same duties and receive the same transcript fees as other court reporters under existing laws applicable to judicial districts which do not contain a city of the first class, and the judges of such districts shall fix the salary of each reporter appointed therein at a sum not to exceed twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500.00) per year and necessary railway, traveling and hotel expenses while absent from their places of residence in the discharge of their official duties, by an order made and filed in the first instance with the respective county auditors of the district so affected within thirty days after the approval of this act, and by subsequent orders made and filed with said county auditors annually on or before the first Monday in January, and all such orders shall apportion the salaries of said reporters among the several counties of said district and require the payment thereof in the same manner as is provided by section 119 of the Revised Laws of the State of Minnesota for the year 1905 as amended by chapter 168, General Laws of 1909. The expenses of such reporters shall be paid by the county for which the same were incurred upon presentation of a verified