

CHAPTER 458—H. F. No. 793.

An act to amend Chapter 359, Laws 1917, relating to the change of boundaries and the establishment of new counties.

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

Section 1. Changing of boundaries and establishment of new counties.—That chapter 359, Laws 1917, be amended to read as follows:

The boundaries of counties may be changed by taking territory from a county and attaching the same to an adjoining county, and new counties may be established out of territory out of one or more existing counties, as hereinafter provided; that no such new county shall contain less than four hundred (400) square miles, nor less than two thousand (2000) inhabitants, nor shall it have an assessed valuation of less than four million dollars (\$4,000,000.00) and no existing county shall be reduced in area below four hundred (400) square miles, nor so as to contain less than two thousand (2,000) inhabitants, nor so as to have an assessed valuation of less than four million dollars (\$4,000,000.00);

Provided, however, that in existing counties having an area of more than thirty-five hundred (3,500) and less than six thousand (6,000) square miles, boundaries may be changed and new counties established having an assessed valuation of not less than *two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000.00)*;

Provided, further, no change in the boundaries of any county having an area of more than twenty-five hundred square miles, whether by the creation of a new county or otherwise, shall detach from such existing county any territory within twelve miles of the county seat thereof.

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

Approved April 25, 1919.

CHAPTER 459—H. F. No. 807.

An act relating to the establishment of zones for protection against fires around certain cities and villages in this state.

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

Section 1. Zone for protection against fires.—A zone not less than one nor more than three miles in width surrounding the corporate limits of any village or city in this state having less than 3,000 inhabitants, to serve as and to be designated as "A zone for protection against fires," may be established as hereinafter provided.

Whenever three or more persons present a petition to a judge of the district court holding a term of court in the county in which such village or city is situated, stating that by reason