

Sec. 21. Not to prohibit proceedings in other courts.—Except as otherwise specifically provided in sections six (6) and seven (7) herein, nothing in this act shall prevent any person from commencing or prosecuting any action in any court as now provided by law.

Sec. 22. Provisions separable.—The sections and provisions of this act are separable. If any section or provision of this act shall be held unconstitutional by any court all other sections and provisions shall nevertheless be and remain in full force and effect. It shall be the duty of the city attorney of the city of Duluth, in the event that the constitutionality of this act, or any section or provision thereof, shall be attacked in any proceeding before any court, to appear and defend against the same.

Sec. 23. Inconsistent acts repealed.—All acts and parts of acts in conflict with any of the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 24. Effective June 1, 1927.—This act shall take effect and be in force from and after June 1, 1927.

Approved February 11, 1927.

CHAPTER 18—S. F. No. 470

An act to legalize all publications made by a legal newspaper that has entered into a contract for purchase or consolidation with another legal newspaper in the same county in this State and the contract of consolidation has been subsequently rescinded but in the meantime the consolidated paper has been published and continued as required by statute and said newspapers again separate, and to legalize said newspapers.

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

Certain publications legalized.—In all cases where two newspapers published in any county in this state which have in all respects for several years prior to the 1st day of July, 1926, conformed to the requirements defining a legal newspaper, and within eight months prior to the passage of this act entered into a contract for the consolidation of such newspapers to be published under a different name but in the same town and locality where formerly published and on the same day of the week, and said contract so far progressed that said newspapers were in fact published under the new name in all respects in a legal manner on the same day of the week and in the same city and county and the legal notices and other publications being published in either or both of said newspapers are continued in the new publication

for a period of several months, but owing to certain obstacles said contract of consolidation is rescinded and said newspapers again separate and resume publication under their original names and place in the same county all legal publications made in such newspapers before or during such attempted consolidation or thereafter are hereby validated and legalized and said newspapers after resuming publication under their original names are hereby declared legal newspapers as though said consolidation had never been attempted.

Approved February 11, 1927.

CHAPTER 19—S. F. No. 114

An act authorizing counties not having a tract index to provide one.

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

Section 1. **Counties to provide tract indexes.**—That the board of county commissioners of any county in the state which does not have a tract index, belonging to the county, in the office of the register of deeds, of lands within the county, is hereby authorized and empowered to cause or have a tract index made, and may hire, employ or contract with any competent person or persons, without advertising therefor, to prepare and make such tract index, and may require such person or persons to furnish a bond in such form and with such sureties as the board shall designate and approve.

Approved February 16, 1927.

CHAPTER 20—S. F. No. 254

An act authorizing the Governor as trustee to receive from the Secretary of War certain moneys and to distribute the same for the benefit of the National Guard.

WHEREAS, it has been duly made known to the proper authorities of this state that the Secretary of War of the United States has in his possession, as trustee, certain moneys known as "other funds" which had been collected for their own use and benefit by certain National Guard organizations that were broken up as units for or as the result of service in the World War, and have not been reconstituted; and,

WHEREAS, it further appears that the Secretary of War, as trustee, desires to turn over to a substitute trustee, duly