

CHAPTER 296—S. F. No. 1105.

An act to amend General Statutes 1923, Section 10725, relating to dismissals of criminal cases.

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

Section J. Dismissal of indictment — reasons to be entered.—That General Statutes 1923, Section 10725, be and is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

"10725. The court may, either of its own motion or upon the application of the prosecuting officer, and in furtherance of justice, order any criminal action, whether prosecuted upon indictment, information, or complaint, to be dismissed ; but in that case the reasons for the dismissal shall be set forth in the order, and entered upon the minutes, and the recommendations of the prosecuting officer in reference thereto, with his reasons therefor, shall be stated in writing and filed as a public record with the official files of the case."

Approved April 19, 1927.

CHAPTER 297—S. F. No. 1107.

An act to amend General Statutes 1923, Section 10648, relating to indictments in criminal cases and to amendments thereof.

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

Section 1. Formal defects disregarded.—That General Statutes 1923, Section 10648, be and is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

"10648. No indictment shall be insufficient, nor shall the trial, judgment, or other proceedings thereon be affected, by reason of a defect or imperfection in matter of form which does not tend to the prejudice of the substantial rights of the defendant upon the merits. At any time before the commencement of the trial the court may permit the amendment of an indictment by counsel for the state both as to form and substance, provided no change is made in the name or identity of the crime charged, and provided that in case an amendment is made the defendant shall be given reasonable notice thereof and shall have, if he desires it, such further reasonable time as the court may deem proper in which to prepare his defense, which further time shall be at least four days after notice of the amendment, if demanded by the defendant.

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CHAPTER 298—S. F. No. 1125.

An act to amend Section 10434, General Statutes, 1923, relating to fraudulent appropriation of electricity, electric current, telephone service, gas, water and heat.

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

Section 1. **Fraudulent appropriation of electricity.**—That Section 10434, General Statutes, 1923, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

"10434. Every person who shall wilfully make any connection with any meter, pipe, conduit, wire, line, or other apparatus belonging to any person, firm, company or municipality using, or engaged in the manufacture, supply, sale or distribution of electricity, electric current, *gas, water or heat*, for the purpose of taking, using or wasting such electricity, electric current, *gas, water or heat*, or shall wilfully prevent any meter from duly measuring or registering the quantity of *such commodity* supplied, or shall in any way interfere with its proper action or just registration, or shall without the consent of such person, *municipality, firm, or corporation*, wilfully divert any *such commodity* of such person, *municipality, firm or corporation*, or in any way wilfully use or cause to be used without the consent of such person, *municipality, firm or corporation*, any *such commodity* manufactured or distributed by such person, *municipality, firm or corporation*, or shall aid, agree with, employ, or conspire with any other person to do any of the said acts, or who shall deposit in any meter or other apparatus used by an electric light or telephone company, *or other person, municipality, firm or corporation*, for the pre-payment for current or service any token, article or device, except lawful coin of the United States, for the purpose of fraudulently obtaining such current or service, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

Approved April 19, 1927.

CHAPTER 299—H. F. No. 136.

An act authorizing the renewal of the period of corporate existence of certain corporations whose period of duration has expired without the renewal thereof, and legalizing acts and contracts of such corporations made or done and performed subsequent to the expiration of the original period of existence of such corporations.

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

Section 1. **Corporate existence renewed.**—That in any case where a corporation created by and under the laws of this State shall have duly adopted a resolution extending its corporate existence, by a vote of more than three-fourths of the stock of such corporation, for a period of not to exceed 30 years from its expiration, and without opposition from any stockholder thereof, and such resolution was duly adopted within the period of its corporate existence and within one