

CHAPTER 358—S. F. No. 652

An act amending Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 8961, relating to the commitment of inebriates or insane persons.

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

Section 1. **Commitment of insane persons.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 8961, be amended to read as follows:

"8961. If the person examined is found to be an inebriate or insane the judge shall issue duplicate warrants committing him to the custody of the superintendent of the proper state hospital or to the superintendent or keeper of any private licensed institution for the care of inebriates or insane persons; provided that, if the person so examined and found to be insane is also found to be a veteran of the Spanish-American War, the Philippine Insurrection, the Boxer Rebellion or the World War, the judge shall issue triplicate warrants committing him to the joint custody of the superintendent of the proper State hospital and the superintendent or other proper officer or authority in charge or control of any United States Veterans Bureau Neuro-psychiatric hospital in this state in which such person will be received and his custody accepted. *Provided, that if the superintendent or other officer or authority in charge or control of such United States Veterans Bureau Neuro-psychiatric hospital is not able to receive said insane person at the time of commitment, he may be transferred to such United States Veterans Bureau Neuro-psychiatric hospital when the superintendent of the State hospital to which said insane person has been committed shall be notified in writing that a bed is available in the United States Veterans Bureau Neuro-psychiatric hospital, and any such transfer shall constitute a discharge of said insane patient from the State hospital and the commitment of said patient to the United States Veterans Bureau Neuro-psychiatric hospital.*"

Approved April 25, 1931.

CHAPTER 359—S. F. No. 657

An act to provide for the term of and election of members of the board of education or governing body, by whatever name they are legally known or called, of any independent school district in

any city of the first class in the State of Minnesota, the territorial limits of which independent school district coincide with the territorial limits of such city, the government of which independent school district is not provided for in the charter of such city.

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

Section 1. Election of school officer.—That the members of the board of education or governing body, by whatever name they are legally known or called, of any independent school district in any city of the first class in the State of Minnesota, the territorial limits of which independent school district coincide with the territorial limits of such city, the government of which independent school district is not provided for in the charter of such city, shall be elected at the general municipal elections held in such city for the election of city officers; they shall be voted for in the several voting precincts and at the several places where city officers are or may be voted for at such general elections. The persons eligible to vote or entitled to vote at such general municipal elections for officers of such city, and only such persons, shall be entitled to vote for members of such school board or other governing body. The polls shall be open for voting for officers of such school board during the times that the polls are open for the election of city officers and no longer.

Sec. 2. Separate ballot box to be provided.—A separate box shall be provided at each voting place in which shall be deposited the ballots cast for offices of such school board.

Sec. 3. Judges and clerks to canvass ballots.—The judges and clerks of election appointed to receive and count the ballots cast at such election for officers of such city shall act judges and clerks of such school district election, and shall certify to the board of education or governing body of said independent school district the number of votes cast in their respective precincts for each person voted for therein for such school district offices, and said board of education or governing body of said school district shall on the Monday following said election, at 8:00 o'clock P. M. meet and canvass the votes cast in said school district and declare the results thereof, and the clerk of said board of education or governing body shall issue certificates of election to the persons found by said canvassing board to be entitled thereto.

Sec. 4. Terms of office.—The terms of office of the members of such board or governing body shall be four (4) years and until their successors are elected and qualified, except that any school district coming within the provisions of this act shall, at the next general municipal election held more than sixty days after the passage and approval of this act, elect nine (9) members of the board

or governing body of such school district, five (5) of whom shall be elected for two (2) years and four (4) for four (4) years, and the terms of all members holding office at the time of said election shall terminate on the second Monday next succeeding the said next general municipal election at twelve o'clock noon.

Thereafter at each general municipal election at which members of such board are to be elected, there shall be elected sufficient members to fill the places of the retiring members.

All members of such board or governing body elected at such general municipal elections shall take office at twelve o'clock noon on the second Monday next succeeding the general municipal election at which they were elected.

Sec. 5. Must be approved by vote of people.—The provisions hereof shall not become effective in any such independent school district until approved by the voters thereof as hereinafter provided. The question shall be submitted at any general election hereafter held upon a petition to that effect signed by qualified voters equal in number to ten per cent of the electors who voted at the last preceding school election, which petition shall be filed with the clerk of the governing body of such city at least 30 days preceding the election at which the question is to be submitted. Thereupon, the governing body shall cause a sufficient number of ballots to be printed in substantially the following form:

“Shall school elections be held hereafter on the same date as city elections?”

Yes

No

Each elector voting upon said proposition shall place a cross mark, thus (X), in a space to be left opposite the word “Yes” or the word “No”, accordingly as he shall desire to vote for or against the proposition. Such ballots shall be deposited in separate ballot boxes provided for that purpose. The results of such vote shall be canvassed in the same manner as votes for members of the governing body of said city. If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition are in the affirmative, school elections in said district shall thereafter be held in accordance herewith, and until such time as said proposition may be voted upon as aforesaid, and until a majority of the votes cast on said proposition shall be cast in favor thereof, school elections in said district shall be held on the third Tuesday in May of each year; and that the members of said Board of Education or Governing Board of said district shall be elected for the terms, and in the manner, now prescribed by law.

Sec. 6. **Inconsistent acts repealed.**—All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 7. **Effective January 1, 1932.**—This act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 1932.

Approved April 25, 1931.

CHAPTER 360—S. F. No. 674

An act to amend Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Sections 5416, 5417 and 5418, relating to the eradication of bovine tuberculosis.

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

Section 1. **County board may appropriate money for cattle testing.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 5416, be amended to read as follows:

"5416. The boards of county commissioners of the several counties of this state may, in their discretion, and upon petition signed by cattle owners residing therein equal in number to a majority of the cattle owners within the county, as shown by the last preceding assessment roll, shall, immediately or at the next meeting of the board of county commissioners, enter into an agreement with the State Live Stock Sanitary Board for the testing of all cattle in the county on the "county area" plan, and shall also appropriate out of the funds of the county not otherwise appropriated, a sum of money not exceeding twenty-five cents per head of cattle for each tuberculin test that may be administered, until the percentage of tuberculous cattle within the county is reduced to meet the requirements of a "modified accredited area" as defined and approved by the United States Department of Agriculture and the State Live Stock Sanitary Board of Minnesota, for the purpose of aiding in the testing of cattle in the county for tuberculosis and of carrying out sanitary and quarantine regulations. When there are no funds available for such an appropriation, a tax shall be levied in a sufficient amount for the purpose, and after the levy thereof orders may be issued against such tax and in anticipation of