

fails to care for and support such child with intent wholly to abandon *and avoid such legal responsibility for the care and support of such child*; and every husband who, without lawful excuse, deserts and fails to support his wife, while pregnant, with intent wholly to abandon her is guilty of a felony and upon conviction shall be punished therefor by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than five years. Desertion of and failure to support a child or pregnant wife for a period of three months shall be presumptive evidence of intention wholly to abandon *and/or to avoid legal responsibility for the care and support of the child*.

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CHAPTER 95—H. F. No. 339

An act to amend Laws 1909, Chapter 138, relating to the separation from villages or boroughs of unplatted agricultural lands, included within the corporate limits of such villages or boroughs in certain cases.

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

Section 1. **Tax levy on detached land.**—That Laws 1909, Chapter 138, Section 2, be amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 2. Such separation from said village shall not release any such tract of land from liability on account of any outstanding indebtedness of such village existing at the time of its separation therefrom. *The county auditor of the county in which such detached lands are situated shall spread against the territory so detached such levies of taxes as are necessary to enforce the liability for indebtedness herein provided. Such levies shall be made each year at a rate equal to the rate which is levied by the village upon the property remaining within the village for the purpose of paying off such indebtedness. The county auditor may require the village clerk to certify to him statements of the amount of indebtedness outstanding at the time of such separation and such other information as may be necessary to spread such levy and may also require that the village separate in its tax levies the moneys levied for the purpose of paying off such indebtedness. The moneys raised from such levies, both upon territory within such village and upon the territory detached therefrom, shall be paid to the village to be held in a special fund available only for the purpose of paying off such indebtedness.*”

"Sec. 3. This act shall apply where the detachment of such territory has taken place prior to the enactment hereof but where any portion of such indebtedness remains unpaid, as well as where proceedings for such separation are taken hereafter."

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CHAPTER 96—H. F. No. 348

An act to provide for the dissolution of towns in certain cases and for the annexing of the territory formerly contained therein to other towns or for its government as unorganized territory, and for the disposition of any funds belonging thereto and for the payment of the outstanding obligations thereof.

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

Section 1. Dissolution of townships.—Whenever the electors of any town, at the annual meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose, shall have voted by ballot to dissolve the town organization hereunder and the town board thereof shall adopt a resolution setting forth such facts and asking for the dissolution of the town, and a copy of such resolution, duly certified by the town clerk, shall be presented to the board of county commissioners of the county in which such town is located, such board of county commissioners may, by resolution, dissolve such town and attach the territory formerly embraced therein to the adjoining town or towns, or provide for the government of such territory as unorganized territory of the county. If such dissolved territory is added to an adjoining town the proposal therefor shall first have the approval of a five-eighths majority of the voting electors of such town to which the dissolved territory is added. Upon the adoption of such resolution by the county board such town shall be dissolved and no longer entitled to exercise any of the powers or functions of an organized town. Provided that the county auditor shall give ten days' notice by one publication in the paper in which the proceedings of the county board are published of the meeting of the county board at which such petition will be considered.

Sec. 2. Copy of resolution to be filed with the Secretary of State.—A certified copy of the resolution of the county board declaring such town to be dissolved shall forthwith be forwarded by