

"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

the county auditor to the secretary of state, who shall on receipt thereof make appropriate entry in the records of his office of the dissolution of such town.

Sec. 3. Disposition of funds.—Any funds belonging to said town remaining in or thereafter coming into the county treasury of the county in which such town was located shall be disposed of in the following manner:

Any road or bridge fund shall be expended by the county board of such county for road and bridge improvements wholly within the limits of such town; any other funds of such town shall, by the county auditor of such county, be used to pay all outstanding bonds, warrants or judgments against said town. If the funds so remaining are not sufficient to pay such outstanding bonds, warrants or judgments, then upon petition of the holders thereof, the county auditor shall spread a tax levy against the taxable property of said town in an amount sufficient to pay the same, which levy, however, shall not exceed the maximum amount which the town would have been authorized to levy for the purpose of paying such indebtedness if it had not been dissolved. If such levy shall not be sufficient to pay off such bonds, warrants or judgments the county auditor shall spread successive annual levies in the maximum amount which the town would have been able to levy for such purpose if it had not been dissolved until such warrants, bonds or judgments are paid in full, unless bonds are issued therefor as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 4. Payment of indebtedness.—In the event that the outstanding bonds, warrants and judgments shall exceed the maximum amount which may be raised by one year's levy as provided for herein, the county board may issue funding or refunding bonds in the manner provided by law for the issuance of county funding or refunding bonds to take up such warrants, judgments or bonds. Provided, that any bonds so issued shall not be an obligation of the county but shall be an obligation of the territory formerly included in such town, and shall be payable out of levies made against the property in such territory as herein provided, and such restriction shall be printed upon the face of such bonds. Except as herein otherwise provided such bonds shall be issued pursuant to the provisions of Laws 1927, Chapter 131, and the tax levy required by Laws 1927, Chapter 131, Section 5, shall be made against the property of the territory formerly included in such town at the time of the issuance of such bonds.

Sec. 5. Property to revert to county.—Any property, real or personal, of such town which is needed for county purposes shall become the property of the county, but the reasonable value

thereof, as determined by the county board, shall be credited to such town and used for the purpose of paying off outstanding bonds, warrants or judgments as herein provided. Any other property of such town shall become the property of the county without any allowance being made therefor. Any surplus funds of said town, after all obligations have been paid as herein provided, shall be credited to the general fund of the county.

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CHAPTER 97—H. F. No. 428

An act relating to the manufacture, use, sale, offering or exposure for sale of any substance to be used as an artificial or imitation flavoring in any food product in imitation of butter and providing for the enforcement and prescribing penalties for violation thereof.

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

Section 1. Butter imitations prohibited.—No person, firm or corporation shall by himself, his servant or agent, or as a servant or agent of another, manufacture, use, sell, distribute, offer or expose for sale or distribution in the State, or have in his possession with intent to use, sell, or exchange any artificial or imitation flavoring preparation to be used in fats, oils, or any article of food to produce a flavor in imitation of that of natural butter, the product of the dairy. Bacterial culture used for ripening or souring or fermenting milk or skimmed milk in the production of any such culture in milk or skimmed milk shall not be considered an artificial or imitation flavoring preparation.

Sec. 2. Violation a misdemeanor.—Any person who shall violate any provision of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 3. Commissioner of agriculture to enforce law.—The Commissioner of Agriculture and Dairy and Food shall cause the provisions of this act to be enforced, and to that end he shall exercise all power and authority conferred upon the then office of Dairy and Food Commissioner by the provisions of chapter 495, Laws 1921, known as the "Minnesota Dairy and Food Law." It shall be the duty of every prosecuting officer to whom the com-