

Sec. 13. **Effective January 1, 1934.**—This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 1934.

Approved March 9, 1933.

CHAPTER 77—S. F. No. 587

An Act to Amend Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 651, as amended by Chapter 105 of the Laws of 1931, relating to Commissioners' Districts.

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

Section 1. **Redistricting commissioners districts in counties with area of over 5000 square miles and containing city of first class.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 651, as amended by Chapter 105 of the Laws of 1931, be amended to read as follows:

"651. Each county shall be divided into as many districts, numbered consecutively as it has members of the board. In all counties such districts shall be bounded by town, village, ward, or precinct lines, shall be composed of contiguous territory and contain as nearly as practicable an equal population. Counties may be re-districted by the county board after each state or federal census; and when it appears that after a state or federal census 30 per cent or more of the population of any county is contained in one district, such county shall be re-districted by its county board.

"Provided that the county board shall not have authority or jurisdiction to re-district a county unless said board shall cause at least three weeks published notice of its purpose to do so, stating the time and place of the meeting where the matter will be considered, to be published in the newspaper having the contract for publishing the commissioners' proceedings for said county for the current year. One commissioner shall be elected in each such district who at the time of the election shall be a resident thereof, and the person so elected shall be entitled to hold said office only while he remains a resident of said commissioner district. When a county is re-districted there shall be a new election of commissioners in all the districts of the county at the next general election. The board shall determine that not less than two nor more than three members of the board shall be elected for a term of two years and the remainder for a term of four years at the next general election. Thereafter all commissioners shall be elected for four years; provided, that where no change is made in the boundaries of a district, or the commissioner of the old district continues to reside in the

new district of the same number, the commissioner in office at the time of the redistricting shall serve for the full period for which he was elected."

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CHAPTER 78—H. F. No. 1439

An act declaring an emergency and granting the commissioner of insurance certain powers relating to the insurance laws and to the conduct of the business of insurers.

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

Section 1. Public emergency declared.—It is hereby declared that a public emergency exists affecting the health, comfort, and safety of the people of this State, growing out of the abnormal disruption in economic and financial processes, the declaration of a banking holiday in this State and other states and by the Federal Government, the inability of insurers to carry on in a normal and ordinary manner the functions of their business owing to the situation now existing with reference to currency, specie and checks, and other facts and circumstances curtailing and hampering the conduct of the business of insurance in a normal and ordinary manner.

Sec. 2. May suspend payment of insurance premium.—During the period of the emergency as hereinafter defined, the Commissioner of Insurance shall have the power, with the approval of the Governor, to suspend, in whole or in part, any provision of the laws relating to insurance. In addition to such power and not in limitation thereof, he shall also have power, with the approval of the Governor, during such period to make, rescind, alter and amend rules and regulations imposing any conditions upon the conduct of the business of any insurer which may be necessary or desirable to maintain sound methods of insurance and to safeguard the interests of policyholders, beneficiaries, and the public generally during such period. In the discretion of the Commissioner of Insurance, such rules or regulations may be published in a manner to be prescribed by him or may be otherwise brought to the attention of the insurer or insurers affected in a manner to be prescribed by the Commissioner of Insurance.

Sec. 3. Law shall supercede existing laws.—Such rules or regulations may be inconsistent with existing law, and in such event shall supersede such existing law inconsistent therewith.

Sec. 4. Rule to become ineffective, when.—Such rules or regulations of the Commissioner of Insurance adopted pursuant