

**Section 1. Certain villages may fix hours for primary or general elections.**—In all villages and townships, however organized, located in any county now or hereafter having a population of more than 400,000 inhabitants, the polls shall be kept open at any general, primary, special or local election from six o'clock in the forenoon until eight o'clock in the afternoon, unless the governing body of such village or town shall, by resolution duly adopted and posted more than 30 days prior to such election, fix a different time for opening the polls, which time shall be stated in such resolution, but shall not be later than nine o'clock in the forenoon.

**Sec. 2.** All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby amended, modified and repealed so far as necessary to give effect to the provisions of this act.

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#### CHAPTER 207—S. F. No. 1184

*An act creating a state board of classification for the classification of criminals and providing for the sentencing of prisoners to state penal institutions.*

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

**Section 1. State board of criminal classification established.**—There is hereby created a state board of criminal classification for the classification of all persons hereafter sentenced to be confined in the state prison at Stillwater and the state reformatory at St. Cloud, and hereinafter called the board, which shall be composed of the following three members: the two members of the state board of control oldest in continuous service, and the chairman of the state board of parole, who shall be the chairman of said board.

**Sec. 2. Sentences.**—All male persons, other than life prisoners who shall be confined at the state prison, and where the offense is punishable by imprisonment in the state prison or the state reformatory, shall be sentenced by the court generally to the state penal institutions and commitment shall be issued accordingly.

**Sec. 3. St. Cloud to be receiving depot.**—The sheriff or other officer having a prisoner in charge under a commission issued as provided in the preceding section, shall deliver him to the officer in charge of the state reformatory at St. Cloud,

which institution is hereby designated as a receiving depot, and the prisoner shall there be held to await the determination of the board hereby created as to the place of his imprisonment, whether in the state prison at Stillwater or in the reformatory at St. Cloud, and while awaiting the determination of the board, the prisoner shall be deemed to be serving his sentence at the reformatory and shall conform to the rules and regulations of that institution.

**Sec. 4. Must be classified and assigned.**—(a) All prisoners delivered to the receiving depot shall there be held in safe custody until classified under the direction of the board with a view to determining the appropriate institution in which he shall be confined.

(b) The board shall make scientific study of each prisoner so received which shall include—

(1) Consideration of his criminal history including an investigation of the causes leading to the commission of the crime upon which the prisoner was sentenced;

(2) A study of his social history;

(3) His age at the time of committing the offense;

(4) A physical, mental and psychiatric examination;

(5) A recommendation for the care, training and employment of each prisoner with a view of his reformation and the protection of society.

(c) Upon conclusion of the survey, the board shall determine whether confinement in the state prison or the state reformatory is more appropriate to the prisoner so examined and shall classify and assign him accordingly, and thenceforth he shall be confined in the institution to which he has been so assigned until discharged, re-assigned or transferred according to law. And said board, in assigning the youthful prisoners to any institution appropriated to them, shall have full power to fix the age limit which shall be observed in such assignments, and to change such age limits from time to time as experience may dictate.

**Sec. 5. Must be assigned and committed within six weeks.**—The classification and assignment of prisoners provided in the preceding section shall be completed and the prisoner assigned to one of the two institutions within six weeks from the date of commitment and if thereby he is assigned to the state prison, his transfer thereto shall be made forthwith.

**Sec. 6. Reclassifications.**—The board, as a part of its classification of the inmates of the state prison and the state reformatory, shall make or cause to be made inquiry and examination at suitable intervals, to ascertain whether prisoners originally classified and assigned to one institution shall remain as inmates thereof or be assigned and transferred to the other institution and the board shall have full power from time to time to reassign and transfer prisoners from one of these penal institutions to the other, as often as the nature of the individual case or the efficiency of administration may require.

**Sec. 7. Medical examination.**—The board may require the state physician at the reformatory to make and report to it a physical and mental examination of all prisoners delivered at the institution under the requirements of this act.

**Sec. 8. Expenses of board to be paid.**—The necessary expenses of each of the members of this board incurred by him in the performance of his official duties, shall be paid out of the budgets of their respective departments from the revenue fund, in the same manner as expenses of other state officials are paid.

**Sec. 9. Inconsistent acts repealed.**—All acts or parts of acts now in effect inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby superseded, modified or amended to conform to and give full force and effect to the provisions of this act.

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#### CHAPTER 208—H. F. No. 1220

*An act relating to firemen's relief associations and firemen's pensions and levies therefor, in cities of the fourth class having a population of more than five thousand inhabitants and a valuation of more than twelve million dollars, exclusive of money and credits, and an area of more than four square miles.*

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

**Section 1. Retirement pensions for firemen in certain cities.**—In any city of the fourth class having a population in excess of 5,000 and a valuation in excess of \$12,000,000.00, exclusive of money and credits, and an area of more than four square miles, and having a Fire Department Relief Association organized under the laws of this State and authorized to