

erty placed after the passage of this Act, exceeding \$10,000.00 in cost, and not approved by the Commission, shall be excluded from the rate base value unless the telephone company can show at the time of such investment that such additions or betterments were then provident and in the public interest.

Section 5. **To what companies act shall apply.**—The provisions of this Act shall apply only to telephone exchanges rendering service in cities of the first and second class and to toll properties of telephone companies operating toll lines in more than four counties of the state.

Section 6. **Provisions severable.**—If any part, or parts, of the foregoing sections or subdivisions of this Act, or the application thereof to any persons or circumstances be held invalid, no other section, subdivision, clause, sentence, or provision of this Act shall be affected thereby.

Section 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 24, 1937.

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#### CHAPTER 427—S. F. No. 10

*An act to provide for the annual election of school board members in any independent school district, and to empower such district to maintain more than one polling place.*

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

Section 1. **Law amended.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 2793, be amended so as to read as follows:

"2793. **Annual meeting of independent school districts.**—  
(a) The annual meeting of all common *school* districts shall be held on the third Tuesday in July, at 7 o'clock P. M., unless a different hour has been fixed at the preceding annual meeting, upon ten days' posted notice given by the clerk, and specifying the matters to come before such meeting; but failure of the clerk to give such notice, or to specify the business to be transacted thereat, shall not affect the validity of any business, except the raising of money to build or purchase a schoolhouse, the authorizing of an issue of bonds, the fixing of a schoolhouse site, the organization as an independent district. The boards of education or trustees in special school dis-

tricts may fix the time of the annual meeting, when so authorized by vote of the district: Provided, that the polls at all school meetings shall be held open at least one hour.

(b) *The annual meeting of an independent school district shall be called the annual election, and shall be held and conducted as follows:*

(1) *Ten days' posted notice shall be given by the clerk specifying the matters to be voted upon at such election and setting forth the polling places established by the board and describing the voting precincts. The clerk shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, ballots, and shall arrange for voting booths at such places as the school board shall previously have determined.*

(2) *The school board shall, at least thirty days before such an election, determine the number of voting precincts and the polling places where such voting shall be conducted and the hours the polls will be open. It shall choose, or cause to be chosen, three election judges for each polling place, which judges shall also act as clerks of election, and shall canvass the ballots cast, and thereafter submit the same to the school board, which board shall be in session at the time and shall receive such ballots.*

(3) *The school board may pay such judges an amount not to exceed fifty cents per hour for the time actually served by them in the performance of their duties as judges of election.*

(4) *The polls shall be opened for at least one hour, and the school board shall have the power to extend such time not to exceed twelve hours."*

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#### CHAPTER 428—H. F. No. 267

*An act relating to the registering of painters, supervision and inspection of painting, decorating, paperhanging, preparatory work incidental thereto, planning, designing and superintending thereof, for the protection of the public and the prevention of fraud upon the public, and adoption and enforcement of minimum standards of the industrial commission.*

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