

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:

Section 1. Industrial Commission of Minnesota to supervise painting.—(a) The Industrial Commission of Minnesota shall supervise painting, decorating, paperhanging, preparatory work incidental thereto, for the prevention of perpetration of fraud upon the public arising out of the failure to comply with specifications, substitution of inferior materials, refusal to pay for labor and materials, misrepresentation in the procuring of any contract for the furnishing of any painting or decorating, and incompetency upon the part of persons engaged in the conduct of such business or occupation as a Contracting or Journeyman painter, and may prescribe minimum standards which shall be uniform.

(b) The Commission shall employ competent and experienced inspectors and other assistants to carry out this act.

Section 2. Cities or villages may adopt rules and regulations.—Any city or village may by ordinance adopt the minimum rules and regulations of the Industrial Commission of Minnesota and prescribe rules and regulations in relation thereto, not however, inconsistent with any provision of this Act; provided however, that no such city or village shall prohibit painters registered by the Industrial Commission of Minnesota from engaging in or working at such business; and provided further, that this act shall not apply to any person in the performance, individually or by their permanent servants or other help of like character on any premises owned or occupied by them, of any of the services described herein as painting, decorating, and paperhanging nor shall any such person performing such services, by his permanent employees, and not for hire, on or in buildings or structures owned, controlled or occupied by him, be deemed to be included within any provision of this act, and provided further that this act shall not apply to any person, engaged in the business of farming, in the performance, individually, or by such farmers' hired help, on any premises owned or occupied by him of any of the services described herein as painting, decorating and paperhanging. The term "Permanent Employee" shall mean and include any employee who is given regular and continuous employment for six months or more, except that as to farmers the term shall mean and include any person working as hired help for a definite or indefinite period.

Section 3. Local authorities to report to Industrial Commission.—Such local authority as may be designated by any such ordinance shall report to the Industrial Commission of Minnesota persistent or willful violation of the same, and any incompetency of a registered painter observed by said local authority.

Section 4. Painters must be registered.—(a) No person, firm or corporation shall engage in or work at the business or occupation of a painter unless registered to do so by the Industrial Com-

mission of Minnesota. A Contracting painter may also work as a journeyman.

(b) No person, firm or corporation shall engage in the business of painting, decorating, paperhanging, preparatory work incidental thereto, unless at all times registered hereunder.

(c) The Industrial Commission of Minnesota shall prescribe rules and regulations not inconsistent herewith for the examination and registering of painters and shall require contracting painters to file a surety bond in a sum of \$250 to protect persons against fraud, incompetent painting and the good faith compliance of all contracts by said Contracting painter.

Section 5. Who are contracting painters.—(a) A Contracting painter is any person skilled in the work of painting, decorating and/or paperhanging, and in the mixing and tinting of paints and painting materials, planning, designing, superintending, and estimating.

(b) A Journeyman painter is any other than a Contracting painter or apprentice, who as his principal occupation is engaged in the practical work of painting, decorating and/or paperhanging, and in the mixing and tinting of paints and painting materials.

(c) A painter apprentice is any person other than a Contracting painter or Journeyman painter, not less than sixteen years of age who as his principal occupation is engaged in the learning and assisting in the practical work of painting, decorating and/or paperhanging.

(d) Nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent a journeyman painter from taking an occasional painting contract.

Section 6. Commission to appoint examiners.—The Industrial Commission of Minnesota shall appoint three examiners, of whom one shall be a practical Contracting painter, one a practical Journeyman painter, and one a representative of the Commission, to be known as the "Painting Examiners". Such Contracting painter and such Journeyman painter shall each receive his expenses, and such per diem for each day actually engaged in duties connected with the carrying out of the provisions of this act as the Commission shall fix by its order, not exceeding Ten (\$10) Dollars per day.

Section 7. Applications—fees.—(a) Application for painter's registration shall be made to the Industrial Commission of Minnesota, with fees. Unless the applicant is entitled to a renewal, he shall be registered by the Industrial Commission only after passing a satisfactory examination by the examiners showing fitness. Fees for Contracting painters shall be \$20.00 for examination and \$15.00

for renewal; and for the Journeyman painters, three dollars for examination and two dollars for renewal. Registrations shall expire December 31st, and may be renewed upon application made the following January and thereafter only upon payment of an additional fee of five dollars for a Contracting painter and one dollar for a Journeyman painter. All fees over and above expenses of examination, supervision and inspection shall go to the General Revenue Fund.

(b) The salaries of the necessary employees of the Commission, and the per diem of the inspectors and examiners hereinbefore provided, their expenses, and all incidental expenses of said Commission in carrying out the provisions of this act shall be paid by the Commission only from fees.

(c) The Commission may issue revocable permits pending examination, and to assist in this, may authorize and appoint without compensation one of its examiners to hold a special permit examination, the results to be reported in writing.

(d) All persons who shall furnish within 60 days after passage of this act, satisfactory evidence to the Commission that they are engaged in the business of a Contracting painter or Journeyman painter in this state shall be entitled to receive a registration as such Contracting painter or Journeyman painter, respectively after payment of the fees hereinbefore provided.

Section 8. May revoke registration.—The Commission may revoke any registration obtained through error or fraud, or if the registered has perpetrated fraud or breach of contract, including failure to comply with specifications, substitution of inferior materials, refusal to pay for labor and materials, misrepresentation in the procuring of any contract for the furnishing of painting or decorating, gross incompetency, and for willful violation or any of its rules or regulations or local ordinances applicable to such work. The registered shall have notice in writing enumerating the charges preferred, and shall be entitled to a hearing by the Commission upon at least five days' notice and the right to produce testimony in defense thereof. Applicant may appeal from any decision of said Commission to the District Court. The Commission may appoint, in writing, any competent person to take testimony, who shall have power to administer oaths, issue subpoenas, and compel the attendance of witnesses. The decision of the Commission shall be based upon the testimony and records. Application may be made for a new registration after revocation.

Section 9. Violation a misdemeanor.—Any person violating any of the provisions of this act, or who shall willfully make any false representation to the Commission in applying for registration of Permit, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 10. **Application of act.**—Provided, however, that the provisions of this act shall apply only to cities of the first, second and third class.

Section 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 26, 1937.

CHAPTER 429—S. F. No. 277

An act to legalize conveyances now of record and to legalize the records of said conveyances.

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

Section 1. **Conveyances legalized.**—Every conveyance heretofore made of land in this state which is now of record in the county in which said land is situated is, with the record thereof, validated and legalized as against any or all of the following objections:

1. That conveyance of a homestead was by separate deeds of husband and wife to the same grantee, rather than by the joint deed prescribed by Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 8340.

2. That the conveyance of a corporation does not bear the corporate seal.

Section 2. **Not to affect pending litigation.**—The provisions of this act shall not affect any action or proceeding now pending in the courts of this state.

Approved April 26, 1937.

CHAPTER 430—S. F. No. 419

An act relating to the deposit of funds of county commissioners' districts in certain counties of this state now or hereafter having an area of more than 5,000 square miles and an assessed valuation of more than \$200,000,000.

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