

**Sec. 3. Determination to be made by court.**—The determination of such laws shall be made by the court and not by the jury, and shall be reviewable.

**Sec. 4. Evidence.**—Any party may also present to the trial court any admissible evidence of such laws, but, to enable a party to offer evidence of the law in another jurisdiction or to ask that judicial notice be taken thereof, reasonable notice shall be given to the adverse parties either in the pleadings or otherwise.

**Sec. 5. To be issued for court.**—The law of a jurisdiction other than those referred to in Section 1 shall be an issue for the court, but shall not be subject to the foregoing provisions concerning judicial notice.

**Sec. 6. Interpretation of act.**—This act shall be so interpreted and construed as to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law of these states which enact it.

**Sec. 7. Title of act.**—This act may be cited as the Uniform Judicial Notice of Foreign Law Act.

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## CHAPTER 78—H. F. No. 598

*An act relating to business records as evidence and repealing all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith.*

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

**Section 1. Definitions.**—The term “business” shall include every kind of business, profession, occupation, calling or operation of institutions, whether carried on for profit or not.

**Sec. 2. Business records as evidence.**—A record of an act, condition or event, shall, in so far as relevant, be competent evidence if the custodian or other qualified witness testifies to its identity and the mode of its preparation, and if it was made in the regular course of business, at or near the time of the act, condition or event, and if, in the opinion of the court, the sources of information, method and time of preparation were such as to justify its admission.

**Sec. 3. Interpretation of act.**—This act shall be so interpreted and construed as to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law of those states which enact it.

**Sec. 4. Title of Act.**—This act may be cited as the Uniform Business Records as Evidence Act.

**Sec. 5. Inconsistent acts repealed.**—All acts and parts of acts which are inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

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### CHAPTER 79—S. F. No. 863

*An act authorizing the Board of County Commissioners in any county having not less than 240,000 nor more than 350,000 inhabitants to regulate the construction of buildings, the size of lots, the repair and removal of existing buildings, dangerous structures, sanitary conditions, the issuance of building permits, and to provide inspection of buildings in the unorganized territory of any such county.*

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

**Section 1. County board to regulate building construction in certain counties.**—For the purpose of securing a healthful, safe and sanitary environment for the occupants of buildings used for human habitation, there is hereby conferred upon the Board of County Commissioners, in any county now or hereafter having not less than 240,000 nor more than 350,000 inhabitants, authority to regulate, as it may deem necessary, the construction of buildings in the unorganized territory of any such county. It may regulate excavations for building purposes; the size of basements and basement walls; the type and size of foundations and footings; the kind, quality and size of materials to be used in the construction of buildings; the number and size of rooms; the construction of walls and floors; the area to be allotted for windows; the kind and methods of insulation; the construction of chimneys, flues, and drains; sanitary conditions in structures used as dwellings; the number of dwellings per lot or tract; excavation for outside drains, toilets, and wells; the repair, alteration, or removal of existing buildings; structures dangerous to persons or property; the area of land upon which structures may be built; the distance between lot lines and structures as well as the distance between structures.

**Sec. 2. Powers of board.**—Any such Board of County Commissioners is authorized to prohibit any such construction, re-