

of the county, and may place under the supervision of the said library board the county library fund, hereinbefore provided for, to be spent by said board for the extension of the free use of said library to all residents of the county. Provided, also, that if there is more than one such free public library in the county the board of county commissioners may contract with one or all of such library boards for such free service if in its judgment advisable.

Approved March 2, 1943.

CHAPTER 95—H. F. No. 428

(AMENDING SECTION 358.27 MINNESOTA STATUTES 1941.)

An act relating to acknowledgements by members of the armed forces of the United States within or without the United States; and amending Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 6982.

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

Section 1. **Law amended.**—Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 6982, is amended to read as follows:

6982. **Soldiers and sailors abroad.**—Any person enlisted, *commissioned*, or employed in the *armed forces* of the United States, in addition to the acknowledgment of instruments in the manner and form and as otherwise authorized by sections 6979 and 6981, may acknowledge the same wherever located before any officer in active service of the armed forces of the United States with the rank of second lieutenant or higher in the army or marine corps, or ensign or higher in the navy, or any commissioned officer in active service of any component of the armed forces of the United States as now or hereafter constituted, which officer shall certify thereto over his official signature and title in substantially the form applicable as provided in section 6981, omitting reference to an official seal. Such certificate shall state that the person so acknowledging is at the time of acknowledgment enlisted or employed in the armed forces of the United States and that the officer taking the acknowledgment is in the active service of the armed forces of the United States. The authentication of acknowledgments provided by section 6981 is not required. No charge of any character shall be paid to or exacted by any officer taking the acknowledgment.

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