

CHAPTER 19—H. F. No. 45

An act relating to veterans of the armed services of the United States and providing for the issuance of certified copies of certain official records without compensation.

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

Section 1. Certified copies of vital statistics records issued to veterans without charge. A certified copy of a birth, death, marriage, or divorce record shall be issued promptly by the officer charged with the keeping of such records upon the request of, and without any charge to, any veteran as defined by Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 197.45 as amended by Laws of 1943, Chapter 230, the surviving spouse or next of kin thereof, service officers of any veterans organization chartered by the Congress of the United States, or the Department of Veterans Affairs, for use in the presentation of claims to the United States Veterans Administration or in connection with any such veterans organization or the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sec. 2. Payment of fees. When the salary of the officer issuing a certified copy under this act consists in whole or in part of fees authorized by law, such officer shall be paid the legal fee therefor by the governmental subdivision of which he is an officer, and the governing body thereof is authorized and directed to order such payment made from the general revenue funds thereof.

Approved February 21, 1945.

CHAPTER 20—S. F. No. 130

An act relating to the appointment of guardians ad litem, and amending Minnesota statutes of 1941, section 540.06, subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes of 1941, Section 540.06, Subdivision 2, is hereby amended to read as follows :

"540.06. Appointment of guardians ad litem; notice. Subdivision 2. The appointment of such guardians shall be made as follows :

(1) If the party be an infant of the age of 14 years, and under no legal disability except his minority, upon the application of such infant;

(2) In all other cases, upon the application of the general guardian, or of a relative or friend of such party.

(3) When no such application has been made by or in behalf of a party defendant before answer or default, then upon the application of the plaintiff or his attorney. In such cases, if the defendant is in default, the court shall allow his guardian ad litem a reasonable time to answer.

(4) In proceedings commenced otherwise than by the service of summons, application may be made forthwith by the petitioner or moving party with regard to any infant or incompetent person affected by the proceeding.

(5) When application is properly made by an infant in his own behalf, or by the general guardian of an infant or incompetent person, no notice shall be required. In other cases, notice of such application, designating the time and place of hearing, shall be given to the general guardian of such party or person or to such relative, adviser or friend as the court shall designate. The court may also require that like notice be given to such party or person himself. The court shall specify the time and manner of giving such notices."

Approved February 21, 1945.

CHAPTER 21—S. F. No. 57

An act relating to the abandonment, closing for traffic or removal of certain railway tracks, providing procedure therefor, prohibiting the abandonment, closing for traffic, or removal thereof under certain conditions, and prescribing penalties for violations thereof, repealing and superseding Minnesota Statutes 1941, sections 219.68, 219.72, 219.73, 219.74 and 219.75 subject to certain conditions, and limiting the application of Minnesota statutes 1941, section 645.35.

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

Section 1. **Removal of railroad tracks must be approved by Railroad and Warehouse Commission.** No company operating a line of railroad in this state shall abandon, close for