

abandon her, is guilty of a felony; and, upon conviction, shall be punished therefor by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than five years. Desertion of and failure to support a child or pregnant wife for a period of three months shall be presumptive evidence of intention wholly to abandon or to avoid legal responsibility for the care and support of the child.

Approved March 29, 1951.

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CHAPTER 191—H. F. No. 691

*An act to provide for primary elections in certain towns, and the method and procedure for holding primary elections, and for the compensation to be paid the election judges and clerks thereof; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 212.381.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 212.381, is amended to read:

212.381. **Primary elections, certain villages.** Subdivision 1. **Adoption.** Any village with a population of not less than 1,400 and any town containing such village when the village has an assessed valuation in excess of \$20,000,000 exclusive of money and credits, more than 50 per cent of which valuation consists of iron ore, may hold an election of nominees, hereinafter designated as the "primary election" for the purpose of nominating candidates for village offices or town offices, respectively, by adopting one of the following methods:

1. By resolution of a four-fifths vote of the governing body of the village or a two-thirds vote of the town board of the town; or

2. By a petition signed by at least ten per cent of the voters of said village, addressed to the governing body of said village, or at least ten per cent of the voters of the town, addressed to the governing body of the town, requesting that

said governing body submit to the voters thereof the determination of the question as to whether said village or town, as the case may be, shall have a primary election system for the purpose of nominating candidates for village offices of such village or town office of the town at a special election to be held for that purpose. Within 15 days after receiving such a petition, the governing body shall provide for such special election and shall give not less than ten or more than 15 days posted notice thereof. The form of question to be voted on shall be as follows: "Shall the Village of ..... adopt the primary election system for the nomination of candidates for village offices," or in the case of a township primary election the form of the question shall be "Shall the town of ..... adopt the primary election system for the nomination of candidates for town office." If a majority of the voters at such special election shall vote in the affirmative, such primary election system shall be deemed to be in force and effect in such village or town as the case may be.

Subd. 2. **Date.** The primary election in villages shall be held not less than ten days nor more than 14 days preceding the village election to be determined by the governing body. The primary election in towns shall be held annually on the same date as the state primary election is biennially held. The clerk or recorder of such village or town shall give at least ten days posted notice or notice published in the official newspaper of the time and place of holding the same, of the hours during which the polls will be open, and of the offices for which candidates are to be nominated. All voting at the primary election shall be by ballot. The clerk or recorder of the village or town, as the case may be, shall, at least one week before the primary election, cause to be published a sample of the village or town primary ballot in the official newspaper of such village or town, or if there is no newspaper therein in the official newspaper of the county in which said village or town is situated, and shall also post a sample printed copy in his office for public inspection. The judges and clerks of election shall certify the results of said primary election to the governing body of the municipality, which shall forthwith canvass the vote and shall issue certificates of nomination to the two candidates for each office receiving the highest number of votes. Thereafter, the names of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be placed upon the ballot for the general election.

Subd. 3. **Filing affidavit of candidacy.** At least 20

days before the primary election any party eligible and desirous of having his name placed on the primary ballot as a candidate for any village office, or town office, as the case may be, shall file his affidavit with the clerk or recorder, stating his residence, that he is a qualified voter of such village or town and the office for which he desires to be candidate. Upon payments by such candidate of \$2.00 to the clerk or recorder of such village or town, the clerk or recorder shall place the name of such candidate upon the primary election ballot of such village or town.

Subd. 4. **Election officials, compensation.** The judges and clerks of said election shall receive the same compensation as is provided for the judges and clerks at the regular village or town election.

Subd. 5. **Election laws to apply.** All of the election laws of this state shall apply to elections held pursuant to this section so far as the same are applicable.

Approved March 29, 1951.

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CHAPTER 192—H. F. No. 710  
(Not Coded)

*An act repealing Minnesota Statutes 1949, Sections 162.13, 162.14, 162.15, 162.16, 162.17, relating to the duties of county highway engineers.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Sections 162.13, 162.14, 162.15, 162.16, 162.17, are hereby repealed.

Approved March 29, 1951.

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CHAPTER 193—H. F. No. 735  
(Not Coded)

*An act legalizing proceedings of certain villages relating to the issuance of bonds payable solely from net revenues and*