

relationship between the child and his natural parent who is the spouse of the petitioning step-parent.

[259.30] Sec. 10. **Annulment of decree of adoption.** If within five years after his adoption a child develops feeble-mindedness, epilepsy, insanity, or venereal infection as a result of conditions existing prior to the adoption of which the adopting parents had no knowledge or notice, a petition setting forth such facts may be filed with the court which entered the decree of adoption and, if such facts are proved, the court may annul the adoption and refer the child for appropriate action and disposition to the court having jurisdiction to determine the custody and guardianship of the child. In every such proceeding it shall be the duty of the county attorney to represent the interests of the child.

[259.31] Sec. 11. **Hearings confidential.** All hearings held in proceedings under this act shall be confidential and shall be held in closed court without admittance of any persons other than the petitioners, their witnesses, the director or an agency, or their authorized representatives, attorneys, and persons entitled to notice by this act, except by order of the court. The files and records of the court in adoption proceedings shall not be open to inspection by any person except the director or his representatives, or upon an order of the court expressly so permitting pursuant to a petition setting forth the reasons therefor.

[259.32] Sec. 12. **Appeals.** Any order, judgment, or decree of the district court pursuant to the provisions of this act may be appealed to the supreme court by any person against whom any such order, judgment, or decree is made or who is affected thereby as are appeals from said court in other civil matters.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Sections 259.01 to 259.09 [,] are hereby repealed.

Approved April 19, 1951.

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CHAPTER 509—H. F. No. 716

*An act relating to taxation, providing for clerk's fees in*

*tax proceedings; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 279.24.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 279.24, is amended to read as follows:

279.24 **Clerk's fees.** For all services in tax proceedings, except oaths to witnesses on trial, the clerk shall *make a charge of one dollar* for each description, including the entry to be made by him on the right-hand page of the real estate tax judgment book, which sum shall be included in the amount charged to each description in the judgment. *Of said charge 45 cents shall be allowed the clerk for his services.* For each oath administered to a witness on the trial, he shall receive 25 cents, which sum shall be included in any amount charged by the judgment against the parcel with respect to which the oath was administered. Such fees shall be paid to him by the county in which the taxes are levied. This section shall not relate to or affect the fees of any clerk of the district court of any county where such fees are now fixed by special law.

Approved April 19, 1951.

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CHAPTER 510—H. F. No. 854

*An act relating to the classification of property; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 273.13, Subdivision 4.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 273.13, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

273.13 Subd. 4. **Class 3.** All agricultural products, except as provided by class three "a", and class three "d", stocks of merchandise of all sorts together with the furniture and fixtures used therewith, manufacturers' materials and manufactured articles, all tools, implements and machinery, whether fixtures or otherwise, except as provided by class three "d", and all real estate which is rural in character and devoted