

otherwise dispose of any such equipment on which the serial numbers have been destroyed, removed, altered, covered, or defaced.

Sec. 2. Application. The provisions of this act shall not apply to the machinery of any bona fide farmer who has had such machinery in his possession for a period of six months and has used the same in the operation of his farm enterprise, nor to any second hand machinery now in the possession of an established dealer at the time of the passage of this act.

Sec. 3. Violation; penalty. Any violation of the provisions of this act is a gross misdemeanor, and any person convicted of such a violation shall be punished as for a gross misdemeanor.

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CHAPTER 96—S. F. 535

An act relating to elections and the affidavits of candidates filing for office; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Sections 202.03 and 207.02.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 202.03, is amended to read:

202.03. Affidavit of candidacy; fees. Not more than 90 nor less than 50 days before the primary election any person eligible and desirous of having his name placed upon the primary ballot as a candidate for chief justice or associate justice of the supreme court, judge of the district court, state or congressional office or member of the state legislature or a county office, shall file his affidavit with the secretary of state when to be voted for in more than one county, and with the county auditor when in a single county, stating his residence, that he is a qualified voter in the subdivision where he seeks a nomination, the name of his political party, if for a political party office, and the office for which he desires to be a candi-

date; that he has not filed as a candidate for any other office at the same primary election; that no petition of electors has been filed placing his name upon the non-partisan election ballot as a candidate for chief justice or associate justice of the supreme court or judge of the district court; and if for a political party office that he affiliated with such political party at the last general election, and either that he did not vote thereat or voted for a majority of the candidates of such political party at such election and intends to so vote at the ensuing election; provided, that all candidates for office not enumerated above in this section shall file their affidavit as herein provided, not more than 90 nor less than 50 days before the primary election. Upon payment by such candidate to the secretary of state of \$20, if for any office to be voted for in more than one county, or if for any office to be voted for in only one county, upon payment of \$10 to the county auditor therefor, the county auditor shall place the name of such candidate upon the primary election ballot in the ticket of the political party designated except where only one person has filed as a candidate for any one office in any one political party the name of such candidate shall not be placed upon the primary ballot but shall be considered and shall be the nominee for such office for the political party under which such candidate filed and his name shall be placed upon the general election ballot as the nominee of such political party for such office. Candidates for the legislature shall pay \$10 only to the secretary of state when the affidavit of petition is filed with him and \$10 to the county auditor when filed with him; provided that the name of any eligible person may also be placed upon the non-partisan primary election ballot as a candidate for chief justice or associate justice of the supreme court or judge of the district court upon petition in writing of electors filed within the same time and at the same place and upon payment of the same fee as is provided in cases of filing affidavits by candidates as follows: For chief justice or associate justice of the supreme court, upon petition of 500 electors residing within the state; for judge of the district court upon the petition of 250 electors residing within the judicial district. Such petition shall be in writing and signed by each of the electors joining therein and shall be by each of them acknowledged before an officer authorized by law to administer an oath. Upon the compliance with such requirement, such names shall be placed upon the non-partisan primary election ballot if the party named in the petition is not a candidate for any other office at the same primary election. No petition shall contain more than double the number of signatures herein required and no officer shall receive for filing or file any

petition containing more than double the number of signatures so required. Any person whose name is presented and filed may withdraw the same by filing an affidavit of withdrawal thereof in the same office in which such petition is filed. Each candidate for state offices, congressmen, and judges of the supreme court shall pay to the secretary of state the sum of \$50 each at the time of filing his affidavit with said officer. No such candidate shall be permitted to withdraw his name from the ballot unless he shall file an affidavit with the secretary of state or with the county auditor, as the case may be, requesting such officer to withdraw affiant's name from the ballot within *five* days after the last day for filing for such office. *No affidavit of filing, by any candidate, or affidavit of withdrawal by any candidate, shall be accepted by the secretary of state or county auditor later than 5:00 o'clock P.M. of the last day for filing or withdrawal as hereinbefore provided.*

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 207.02, is amended to read:

207.02. **Affidavit filed with secretary of state.** Not more than 90, nor less than 50 days before the primary election, any person eligible and desirous of having his name placed upon the primary ballot as a candidate for United States senator in congress from this state shall file his affidavit with the secretary of state, stating his residence, that he is a qualified voter in the state, the name of his political party, that he desires to be a candidate for the office of United States senator in congress, that he affiliated with that political party at the last general election and either that he did not vote thereat or voted for a majority of the candidates of that political party at such election and intends to so vote at the ensuing election.

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CHAPTER 97—S. F. 549

[Not Coded]

An act authorizing the Governor and the State Auditor to sell and convey to the City of Faribault, a Municipal Corporation, certain land in Rice County, Minnesota, and author-