

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 49.24, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Debts collected.** The commissioner shall collect all debts due and all claims belonging to such financial institution. Whenever he is of the opinion that a debt due such financial institution is bad or doubtful he may present a verified petition to a judge of the district court setting forth the facts; and the judge if satisfied that it is for the best interests of the creditors may hear such petition without notice and make an order granting such petition and authorizing the petitioner to sell, compound, or compromise such debt. Personal property or real estate may be sold on like petition, approval, and order. If a petition for the sale of real estate is presented, the judge may require that notice of a hearing thereon be given to *the creditors* by publication in such manner as he orders. The commissioner may compromise bad or doubtful debts and sell personal property having a book value, as shown by the commissioner's inventory, of not to exceed \$200 without such order.

Approved February 15, 1955.

CHAPTER.17—S. F. No. 156

An act relating to judges and clerks of village elections; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 205.46 and 205.47.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 205.46, is amended to read:

205.46 **Election judges.** *Subdivision 1.* The council of each municipality, except cities of the first class, at least 25 days before any election, shall appoint three qualified voters of each district therein to be judges of election. *The council of any village may, at least 25 days before any annual or special village election provide by resolution that the election board in each district shall consist of two judges and one clerk and shall appoint such judges.* In villages having but one district, and not included in any town, the members of the council may be judges, subject to the qualification and restrictions provided for members of town boards in like cases.

Subd. 2. In cities of the first class judges and clerks shall be appointed by the city clerk at least 25 days before an election from a list of qualified voters in each district certified

by the civil service commission of the municipality. At least 60 days before an election said civil service commissioner shall receive applications on verified forms prepared by it from persons qualified to act as such judges and clerks, in which application said applicant shall state his party affiliation, and said commission shall conduct such inquiry, investigation and examination as it deems necessary to establish the qualifications of the applicants. The commission shall set up such rules and regulations as it deems necessary for carrying out the provisions of this chapter. At least 30 days before the first election in any calendar year wherein elections are held such civil service commission shall certify to the city clerk a list of such persons in each district who have satisfied said commission of their qualifications to act as judges and clerks. The commission shall certify the names of the persons having the highest rating from each political party for each district. From said certified list the city clerk shall appoint three judges and two clerks provided that no more than two judges and one clerk shall belong to the same political party. If there be not two qualified persons in each political party for each district, then in that event said commission shall certify those having the next highest rating without regard to party affiliation in order that six persons may be certified for each district. Should the list certified by said civil service commission not contain the names of sufficient qualified persons in each election district, the city clerk shall appoint a sufficient number of qualified voters of the district to act as such judges and clerks. Vacancies in the office of judges and clerks shall be filled by the city clerk from the list certified by said civil service commission. The commission shall certify additional names to the city clerk when the eligible list for any election district is exhausted. No two election judges or clerks or an election judge and a clerk shall reside in the same building. No two judges or clerks in any district shall bear the relationship to each other of husband and wife, parent or child or brother or sister, nor shall bear that relationship to any candidate for election, or any officer or employee of such a city. No city official or employee shall act as judge or clerk. Any person appointed as a judge or clerk under this section shall not acquire any right or status as a regular city employee.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 205.47, is amended to read:

205.47 Judges to appoint clerks. Except in cities of the first class, the judges in each district shall appoint two qualified voters therein as clerks, *but in any village in which the election board consists of three members for any village election, the judges shall appoint only one clerk.* In towns, the

town clerk, and in villages having but one district and not included in any town, the village clerk, shall serve as one of the clerks in the district where he resides. No more than two judges and one clerk shall belong to the same political party, and no person shall be eligible as judge or clerk unless he can read, write, and speak the English language understandingly, nor if he be a candidate for any office. No two judges or clerks in any one district shall bear the relationship to each other of husband and wife, parent or child, brother or sister.

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CHAPTER 18—S. F. No. 159

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to armories; providing sites therefor; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 193.141, 193.143, and legalizing certain acts.

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

Section 1. [193.139] **Definitions.** Subdivision 1. For the purposes of sections 193.141 to 193.149, the terms defined in this section have the meanings ascribed to them.

Subd. 2. "Municipality" includes city, village, and borough.

Subd. 3. "Corporation" means the Minnesota State Armory Building Commission created as a corporation by section 193.142, subdivision 1.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 193.141, is amended to read:

193.141 **Armory, construction.** Subdivision 1. In any municipality of this state in which there shall at the time be stationed one or more units of the National Guard or Naval Militia, and in which the adjutant general shall deem it necessary or expedient to construct an armory, an armory may be constructed and the cost thereof paid as hereinafter provided.

Subd. 2. Whenever the adjutant general shall deem it necessary or expedient that an armory be constructed upon a State military camping ground, to be used principally by any unit or units of the National Guard stationed at a municipality in the vicinity thereof, such armory may be constructed and the cost thereof paid in the manner hereinafter provided for the construction of armories in municipalities, and the annual