

CHAPTER 3—H. F. No. 212

An act relating to the alteration of boundaries of towns by adding thereto unorganized territory; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 379.02.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 379.02, is amended to read:

379.02 Towns, change of boundaries and name. The county board may alter the boundaries of towns, or partition any town among other towns within the county by attaching a part of one town to another, or by dividing one town and attaching the parts to other towns, or by forming a new town from the territory of one or more towns, or from territory not before included in a town, whenever it is made to appear necessary or expedient, by a petition for that purpose signed by not less than 20 legal voters residing within the territory to be affected. *The county board may, upon notice as provided in section 379.03, alter the boundaries or change the name of any town within the county by attaching thereto unorganized territory abutting thereon within the county, after a petition for that purpose, signed by not less than 20 legal voters residing within the unorganized territory proposed to be attached, is approved by the town board of the town to which the territory is proposed to be attached.* No town shall be so formed, having less than 36 square miles, nor have its boundaries so changed as to reduce its territory below that area, unless after such division it shall have at least 25 qualified voters therein, and real estate valued at the last preceding assessment at \$30,000 or more; and no town shall be divided or have any part detached therefrom so as to make its area less than 36 square miles, except upon the petition of at least two-thirds of the legal voters residing in one or both subdivisions or parts.

Approved February 4, 1955.

CHAPTER 4—S. F. No. 307

[Coded, in part]

An act relating to veterans of the armed forces of the United States; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 197.59, 197.20, 197.601, 282.031, 282.032, 306.03.

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

Section 1. [197.447] **Veteran.** *The word "veteran" as*

used in this act means any person honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States who served in the Civil War, Spanish American War, Philippine Insurrection, China Relief Expedition, World War I between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918, both dates inclusive, World War II between December 7, 1941 and September 2, 1945, both dates inclusive, or in the Korean conflict between June 27, 1950 and July 27, 1953, both dates inclusive.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 197.59, is amended to read:

197.59 Hawking or peddling; exemption from license fees. No license fee or other charge provided by any law of the state shall be required by any *veteran* for the privilege of hawking or peddling goods and merchandise, not prohibited by law or ordinance, in the county where he has established a bona fide residence, solely upon his own account. Nothing herein contained *prevents* any city, village, borough, or other municipality from levying and collecting such license fees for hawking or peddling within its corporate limits. Upon application therefor, accompanied by proof of such discharge, to any clerk or other officer authorized to issue such license, the same shall forthwith be granted. Every such clerk or other officer issuing such license shall ascertain that the applicant is entitled thereto; and any such clerk or other officer issuing a license to any person who is not entitled to receive one under the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Every violation hereof is a misdemeanor, the minimum punishment whereof is a fine of \$10.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 197.20, is amended to read.

197.20 Burial of veterans. The commissioner of veterans affairs, hereinafter referred to as the commissioner, shall cause to be decently buried, within or without the state, at a cost to the state of not more than \$100, the body of any person, who is a veteran as defined in *this act* and of any person not a soldier who actually served in this state, or is a resident thereof, in the Indian war of 1862, and who dies within the state or is brought thereto for interment, and has not left sufficient means to defray the expenses of suitable burial. Such interment shall not be made in any place used exclusively for the burial of the pauper dead, and the relatives or comrades of the deceased, if they so desire, shall be permitted to conduct the burial service. The commissioner shall furnish at a cost of not to exceed \$7 a United States flag for each such veteran. All funds appropriated for the purposes of sections 197.20 to

197.24 shall be disbursed by the commissioner in the same manner which other funds of the department are disbursed. The commissioner shall promulgate such regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 197.20 to 197.24.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 197.601, is amended to read:

197.601 Qualifications of veterans service officers. No person shall be appointed a veteran service officer under sections 197.60 to 197.607 unless he has the following qualifications:

- (1) Residence in the state of Minnesota for at least five years prior to his appointment;
- (2) Citizenship in the United States;
- (3) Veteran as defined in *this act*;
- (4) Education and training for the duties of veterans service officer;
- (5) Knowledge of the law and the regulations and rulings of the United States Veterans Administration applicable to cases before it and the administration thereof.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 282.031, is amended to read:

282.031 Agricultural land, purchase by veterans. Any veteran, *as defined in this act*, who is desirous of securing land for agricultural development may at any time prior to *June 30, 1959*, make application to the county board of the county in which the land is located to purchase not to exceed 180 acres of tax-forfeited land which has been classified as non-conservation or agricultural land and appraised as provided by law. Such land must be situated along a suitably maintained public road and near a public school or bus route and not in a restricted area established by the county board under a zoning ordinance. With his application he shall file a certified copy of his honorable discharge. Such application shall state the legal description of the land desired, the total acreage and the total acreage thereof which has been under cultivation; that the land is suitable for agricultural purposes and that he intends to develop it as such; that no additional public expenditures need be made for roads or schools by reason of the occupancy of such land; and that he is willing to pay therefor the appraised value of the land plus the appraised value of the improvements and standing timber

thereon as determined by the county board, on such terms as may be fixed by the board subject to the conditions set forth in section 282.033.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 282.032, is amended to read:

282.032 Application, hearing payment. Upon receipt of such application the county board shall set a date for hearing thereon. If on such hearing the board finds that the land described in the application meets the conditions prescribed in section 282.031 and, that the applicant is a veteran *as defined in this act*, and qualified by such experience that he has a reasonable opportunity of making his living thereon, the board may authorize the purchase. In its resolution authorizing the purchase, the county board shall set forth the purchase price of the land, the amount of the down payment required, which down payment shall not be less than ten percent of the appraised value of the land and improvements plus the full value of the timber. The resolution shall prescribe the terms of payment. The rate of interest on any unpaid balance shall be four percent per annum. The resolution shall further state that the number of acres which the board finds are cleared and suitable for cultivation at the time of the sale; and that the purchaser shall receive credit toward the purchase price, or a cash payment of the contract has been fully paid, for any additional land cleared and placed under cultivation within five years under the terms and conditions set forth in section 282.033

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 306.03, is amended to read:

306.03 Actuary; records, reports. Every such corporation, in addition to its ordinary corporate officers, shall annually appoint an actuary, or provide by its by-laws that its secretary shall perform the duties of such office. The actuary shall keep a register of burials, in which he shall enter the date of burial or cremation, the name, age, sex, nativity, and cause of death of every person interred or cremated in such cemetery, so far as such facts can be ascertained from the friends, attending physician, or undertaker in charge, and in case of a pauper, stranger, or criminal, from the public official directing the burial. Such record shall be open to public inspection and the actuary shall furnish to the state board of health and to local health officers, when so requested, an accurate summary of such record during any specified year. He shall report to the *commissioner of veterans affairs* the burial of any person, who is a veteran as defined in *this act*, stating the name

of such deceased veteran and the location of his grave in the cemetery by lot number.

Approved February 11, 1955.

CHAPTER 5—H. F. No. 179

[Not Coded]

An act relating to certain tax-forfeited lands in the conservation area of Roseau County, Minnesota, authorizing the Commissioner of Conservation to make conveyance thereof to Independent School District No. 12 of Warroad, Roseau County, Minnesota.

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

Section 1. **Commissioner of conservation, conveyance of certain lands.** That the commissioner of conservation of the State of Minnesota be, and he hereby is authorized to execute and issue to Independent School District No. 12 of Warroad, Roseau County, Minnesota, a deed without consideration, conveying all right, title and interest of the State in and to the following described lands in the County of Roseau, State of Minnesota, to-wit:

Lot Five (5) and the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Thirteen (13), Township One Hundred Sixty-three (163) North, Range Thirty-seven (37) West, excepting and reserving to the state all minerals and mineral rights as provided by law.

Such deed shall also be conditioned upon the continued use of said land for the active operation, teaching, instruction and planning of a school forest project, and upon the discontinuance for such use, the title to said land shall revert to the State of Minnesota.

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CHAPTER 6—H. F. No. 83

[Coded]

An act relating to banks and defining under certain circumstances what shall be deemed final payment of an item upon which a stop payment order has been given.