

body, board, department or commission on any action taken in a meeting herein required to be open to the public shall, unless the vote is unanimous, be recorded in a journal kept for that purpose, which journal shall be open to the public. In case the action is questioned where there is an unrecorded vote, that vote shall be deemed unanimous.

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CHAPTER 774—H. F. No. 1810

An act relating to the business of private detective or investigator for fee or reward; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 326.331, 326.332, 326.333, 326.334, as amended.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 326.331, is amended to read:

326.331 Private detectives, licenses. No person shall engage in the business of private detective or investigator for fee or reward unless previously licensed as herein provided. Any person desiring to engage in such business may *for each office or agency to be maintained by such person* apply to the secretary of state for a license. Upon application by any person qualified under sections 326.331 to 326.339 to engage in such business, the secretary of state shall issue such a license *for a period of two years* upon the conditions herein set forth, such license to continue *for said period* so long as such licensee remains a qualified person and complies with the provisions of sections 326.331 to 326.339 and with the laws of Minnesota. No person shall be deemed qualified to hold such a license who is not a citizen of the United States or who has been convicted of felony by the courts of this or any other state or of the United States, or who has been convicted anywhere of acts which if done in Minnesota would be assault, theft, larceny, unlawful entry, extortion, defamation, buying or receiving stolen property, using, possessing, or carrying weapons or burglar tools or escape, or who has been convicted in any other country of acts which if done in Minnesota would be a felony or would be any of the other offenses specified above, nor shall any person who shall make any false statement in any application for license hereunder be deemed a qualified person to hold any such license.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 326.332, is amended to read:

326.332 Application for license. *Subdivision 1.* The application for such license shall be in duplicate and shall state:

(1) *the full name, age, sex, residence for the past five years, present and previous occupations and employers, of all persons signing the application;*

(2) *that each person signing the application is a citizen of the United States;*

(3) *that the person, firm, or corporation applying for the license is a resident of the state of Minnesota, or that the applicant holds an equivalent license in another state, which state shall be set forth;*

(4) *the municipality, stating the street and number or such apt description as will reasonably indicate the location in said municipality, where the licensed office of the applicant is to be located;*

(5) *such further facts as may be required by the secretary of state to show the good character, competency and integrity of each person signing the application;*

(6) *if applicant is a corporation, the name of the corporation, the date and place of its incorporation, the location of its principal place of business or registered office, in its state of incorporation.*

Subd. 2. Each application shall be signed and acknowledged as follows: (1) if applicant is a person, by such person; (2) if applicant is a partnership, by each partner; (3) if applicant is a corporation, by the president and secretary thereof, and by the active managers of the office to be licensed.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 326.333, is amended to read:

326.333 Surety bond. Each such application shall be accompanied by:

(1) a surety bond executed by a company authorized to do business in the state of Minnesota wherein the applicant shall be principal, with sureties to be approved by the secretary of state, to the state of Minnesota, in the penal sum of \$5,000, upon the condition that applicant and each of applicant's employees shall faithfully observe all the laws of Minnesota and of the United States, including sections 326.331 to 326.339, and shall pay all damages suffered by any person by reason of the violation of any such law by applicant or by the commission of any wilful and malicious wrong by any

such applicant in the course of the conduct of such business. Action upon such bond may be brought by any person so aggrieved not later than within two years of the act complained of;

(2) *for each person signing the application the verified certificates of at least five citizens not related to the signer who have known the signer for more than five years, certifying that the signer is of good moral character;*

(3) *two photographs and a full set of fingerprints for each person signing the application;*

(4) *a duly acknowledged certificate evidencing the fact that at least one of the persons signing the application has been regularly employed as a detective or has been a member of the United States government investigative service, a sheriff or member of a city police department of a rank or grade higher than that of patrolman, or equivalent occupation, for a period of not less than three years.*

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 326.334, as amended by Laws 1955, Chapter 820, Section 33, is amended to read:

326.334 Fees Subdivision 1. Each such applicant shall pay to the secretary of state a fee, if an individual, of \$100 or if a partnership or corporation of \$200, which fee shall be returned to the applicant if the application for license be denied. Upon the receipt of any such application, the secretary of state forthwith shall:

(1) *post notice in his office and notify persons who specifically request notification thereof;*

(2) *transmit to the bureau of criminal apprehension the duplicate copy of the application and the fingerprints of the signers;*

(3) *conduct such further investigation as he shall deem necessary to determine the competence and fitness of the applicant.*

Subd. 2. *It shall be the duty of the bureau of criminal apprehension to compare such fingerprints with state criminal identification records, to conduct a sufficient investigation of the persons signing such application so as to determine their competence, character and fitness for such a license, and to report his findings to the secretary of state. If within 20 days of such posting no person has objected in writing to the secretary of state to the issuance of such license, if it shall appear*

that the statements in the application are true, and if it shall appear from the investigations of the bureau of criminal apprehension and the secretary of state that the applicant is qualified for such license; then the secretary of state shall issue a license to such applicant.

Subd. 3. Any such license so issued shall be in a form to be prescribed by the secretary of state, shall specify the full name of the applicant, the registered address of the office or agency for which issued, the date on which it is issued, the date on which it will expire, and shall be kept conspicuously posted in the office or place of business of the licensee for whom issued.

Subd. 4. The license granted pursuant to this section shall expire after a period of two years, and may be renewed by the secretary of state so long as the applicant remains qualified. Application for renewal shall be made by the licensee on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, shall be accompanied by a fee of \$20 and a surety bond equivalent to that required by section 326.333, and shall be filed with the secretary of state before the date of expiration of the previously issued license.

Subd. 5. If a licensee moves his office or agency to an address other than that described in the license certificate, he shall, within 24 hours immediately following such move, send his license certificate, together with written notice to the secretary of state, which notice shall describe the premises to which such move is made and the date on which it was made. Upon receipt of such certificate and notice the secretary of state shall endorse on the face thereof the date of such change and the new registered address of such office or agency, and shall return the certificate to the licensee.

Subd. 6. In the case of a corporate licensee, due notice of the death, resignation or removal of any person who has signed the application shall forthwith be given to the secretary of state, together with a copy of the minutes of any meeting of the board of directors indicating the death, resignation or removal of such person, and the election or designation of the successor thereof.

Subd. 7. Every license certificate shall be surrendered to the secretary of state within 72 hours after its term shall have expired or after notice in writing to the holder that such license has been revoked.

Subd. 8. Every license issued prior to the passage of

this act shall expire on December 31, 1958, but may be renewed in accordance with the provisions of this section; provided, that the holder of such a license shall have within six months after the passage of this act furnished the secretary of state with the information and material required by sections 326.332 and 326.333.

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CHAPTER 775—H. F. No. 1888

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the construction of the central office building for the department of highways, and appropriating money therefor.

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

Section 1. Highway department, central office building, enlargement authorized. It is deemed to be in the public interest to modify the plans for the central office building of the department of highways now in the process of construction so as to provide two additional stories and changes incidental thereto. The modification of such plans is required by reason of the expanded highway program set in motion by the Federal Highway Act of 1956. In order that the State be able to avail itself of the benefits conferred by that act, the highway department must be expanded far beyond what was contemplated when the central highway office building was planned and construction commenced. It is further deemed to be in the public interest that the proper State officials be authorized to award contracts or modify existing contracts to carry out the construction of said central office building in accordance with such modification of plans heretofore referred to without complying with competitive bidding requirements.

Sec. 2. Existing contracts modified. The governor, the commissioner of administration and the commissioner of highways may award a contract or contracts or modify any existing contract or contracts relating to the enlargement of said central office building upon such terms and conditions as may be arrived at between the contracting parties. Those sections of chapter 16 and chapter 161 relating to competitive bidding, and any other law relating to competitive bidding, shall not apply to any contract or modification of contracts authorized by the provisions of this act.