

CHAPTER 590—S. F. No. 287

An act relating to the powers of the state board of parole, amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 637.06.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 637.06, is amended to read:

637.06 Board; powers, limitations. The state board of parole and probation may parole any person sentenced to confinement in the state prison or the state reformatory, provided that no convict serving a life sentence for murder *other than first degree* who has not been previously convicted of a felony shall be paroled until he has served 20 years, less the diminution which he would have been allowed for good conduct had his sentence been for 20 years; and provided further that no convict serving a life sentence for murder who has been previously convicted of a felony *or though not previously convicted of a felony is serving a life sentence for first degree murder* shall be paroled until he has served 25 years, less the diminution which would have been allowed for good conduct had his sentence been for 25 years; *provided further, in all cases where a convict is serving a sentence for murder, unanimous consent of the board of parole and probation shall be required for parole of such convict.* Upon being paroled and released, such convicts shall be and remain in the legal custody and under the control of the state board of parole and probation, subject at any time to be returned to the state prison, the state reformatory, or the state reformatory for women and the parole rescinded by such board, when the legal custody of such convict shall revert to the warden or superintendent of the institution. The written order of the board of parole and probation, certified by the chairman of the board, shall be sufficient to any peace officer or state parole and probation agent to retake and place in actual custody any person on parole or probation to the state board of parole and probation, but any probation or parole agent may, without order of warrant, when it appears to him necessary in order to prevent escape or enforce discipline, take and detain a parolee or probationer to the state board of parole and probation and bring such person before the board of parole and probation for its action. Paroled persons, and those on probation to the state board of parole and probation, may be placed within or without the boundaries of the state at the discretion of the board, and the limits fixed for such persons may be enlarged or reduced according to their conduct.

In considering applications for parole or final release, the board shall not be required to hear oral argument from any attorney or other person not connected with the prison or the reformatory in favor of or against the parole or release of any prisoners, but it may institute inquiries by correspondence, taking testimony or otherwise, as to the previous history, physical or mental condition, and character of such prisoner, and to that end shall have authority to require the attendance of the warden of the state prison or the superintendent of the state reformatory or the state reformatory for women and the production of the records of these institutions, and to compel the attendance of witnesses, and each member of the board is hereby authorized to administer oaths to witnesses for every such purpose.

Approved April 24, 1959.

CHAPTER 591—H. F. No. 1558

[Not Coded]

An act authorizing the governor and state auditor to convey certain state owned lands to Shattuck School at a price to be agreed upon.

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

Section 1. Conveyance of state owned land. The governor and the state auditor upon recommendation of the commissioners of administration and public welfare are hereby authorized to execute and deliver in the name of the state of Minnesota as grantor to Shattuck School, Faribault, Minnesota, as grantee, for a consideration to be mutually agreed upon, a deed conveying all the interest and estate of the state of Minnesota in and to the following described land:

The south 400 feet of the north 600 feet of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 29, township 110N., range 20W. of the fifth principal meridian, except the following two tracts;

Tract 1—that part of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said section lying south of the south line of Parshall street (relocated)

Tract 2—1 acre of land: Commencing at the NW corner of the south $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said section running south 8 rods