

Sec. 2. Not to affect pending actions.—This act shall not affect any action or proceeding now pending in the courts of this state.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 1920.

Approved April 4, 1919.

CHAPTER 170—S. F. No. 393

An act to authorize the Minnesota Historical Society to act as custodian of state and local archives, and to provide for the collection and administration of public records.

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

Section 1. Historical Society, custodian of certain records, documents, etc.—The Minnesota Historical Society is hereby authorized to receive and is made the custodian of such records, files, documents, books, and papers as may be turned over to it from any of the public offices of the state, including state, county, city, village and township offices. It shall provide for their preservation, classification, arranging, and indexing, so that they may be made available for the use of the public. Copies of all such papers, documents, files, and records, when made out and certified to by the superintendent of said society, shall be admitted as evidence in all courts, with the same effect as if certified to by the original custodian thereof.

Sec. 2. Turning over of records, documents, etc.—Any public official is hereby authorized, upon the conditions hereinafter provided, to turn over to the said society, such records, files, documents, books, and papers in his custody as are not in current use whenever said society is prepared to receive and care for them; provided, however, that said society shall present to such official a petition or application in which such records, files, documents, books or papers shall be described in terms sufficient to identify the same, and which said petition shall be approved by the governor, in case of a state officer, the board of county commissioners, in case of a county officer, and by the governing body of any city, village or town in case of a city, village or town officer, and which said application shall be filed in the office from which such records, files, documents, books or papers have been turned over to said society; provided, also, that this act shall not repeal or annul the provisions of section 134 of the General Statutes of 1913.

Sec. 3. Inconsistent acts repealed.—All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 4, 1919.