

## CHAPTER 136—H. F. No. 612

*An act relating to the preparation and publication of statements of proposed constitutional amendments; amending Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 46.*

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

Section 1. Law amended.—Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 46, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"46. **Publication of notice.**—At least four months preceding such election, the attorney general shall furnish to the secretary of state a statement of the purpose and effect of all amendments proposed showing clearly the form of the existing sections, and of the same as they will read if amended, *except that when any section to which an amendment is proposed exceeds 150 words in length, the statement shall show that part of the section in which a change is proposed, both in its existing form and as it will read when amended, together with such portions of the context as the attorney general deems necessary to an understanding of the proposed amendment.* Prior to the election, the secretary of state shall give three weeks published notice of such statement in all legal newspapers of the state. The secretary of state shall furnish such statement in plate form to such newspapers, the expense of which shall be borne by said newspapers. The maximum rate for such publication shall be 25 cents per folio for each of the three publications, but shall not exceed \$50.00 for each newspaper unless the publication exceeds 80 inches in length, in which case the excess shall be paid for at the rate of 15 cents per inch for each publication thereof. Provided, that daily newspapers having a bona fide circulation, not including exchanges or other complimentary circulation, of 10,000 shall receive 75 cents per folio for the first publication and 35 cents per folio for each of the two subsequent publications; not to exceed \$150.00 for each of such daily newspapers. Provided, however, that if any newspaper shall refuse the publication of said amendments such refusal and failure of the publication shall have no effect on the validity of said amendments. He shall also forward to each county auditor a number of copies of such statement, in poster form, sufficient to enable him to supply at least six of such copies for each election district of his county. The auditor shall furnish such copies to the town, village and city clerks, who shall give three weeks posted notice thereof, and cause one copy to be conspicuously posted at each polling place on election day. Willful or negligent failure by any official named to perform any duty imposed upon him by this section shall be deemed a misdemeanor."

Approved April 9, 1941.