

Statutes 1957, Section 35.245, Subdivision 4, and adding a subdivision thereto.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 35.245, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

[35.245] *Subd. 4. Board may authorize use of identification other than vaccination certificates. The state livestock sanitary board may authorize the use of ear tattoos, brands, or other suitable identification instead of the vaccination certificate required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 35.245, and acts amendatory thereof.*

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 35.245, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

~~Subd. 4.~~ *Subd. 5. Violations, penalties.* Any person violating the provisions of this section or rules, regulations or quarantines of the State Livestock Sanitary Board adopted pursuant hereto shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor, and any auctioneer knowingly conducting a sale of cattle in violation of this section, shall upon conviction, forfeit his license as an auctioneer until such time as its renewal is approved by the authority which issued the license.

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CHAPTER 55—S. F. No. 64

[Coded]

An act relating to regional libraries and providing for the participation of existing city and village libraries in such regional libraries.

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

Section 1. [375.335] **Regional libraries.** Subdivision 1. Two or more contiguous counties, except counties one or more of which contain a city of the first class over 300,000 according to the 1960 United States census may, through action by their governing bodies under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 471.59, establish and maintain a regional library, even though any one or more of the counties may already have a county library with a library board; provided that in any such county already having a

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county library board, the approval of said library board shall also be required. Cities in any of the contracting counties having public libraries may join in the regional library by being parties to the agreement which establishes the regional library through action of their library boards, or as hereinafter provided in subdivision 3.

Subd. 2. The agreement establishing such regional library may provide for a library board to govern the organization having all the powers and duties of county library boards as provided in Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 375.33. Such regional library board may consist of as many members as the contracting parties deem necessary, appointed in such numbers and for such terms by each county board party to the contract as may be determined by the contracting parties, irrespective of the existence of one or more county library boards already in existence in the participating counties. In such participating counties, such portion of the proceeds of the county library tax authorized by Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 375.33, Subdivision 1, shall be used for the support of the regional library as the contracting agreement may provide.

Subd. 3. Where such regional library is established, any city or village located in any of the contracting counties which is excluded from the county tax supporting the regional library under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 375.33, Subdivision 1, may, upon recommendation of its library board and upon action by its governing body, be included in such county tax and become an integral part of the regional system. Such cities or villages and any other cities or villages in the participating counties, whether or not governed by home rule charter provisions, may levy taxes for the additional support of their local library services provided that said combined levies shall not exceed the statutory limit on the library levy. Any such local public library board or governing body may, at its option, continue to control such local library fund or pay all or part thereof into the regional library fund, to be used for the increase or improvement of library services in such city or village.

Subd. 4. Any multi-county regional library heretofore created, and the agreements creating them, are hereby validated, ratified, and confirmed and the benefits of subdivisions 1 to 4 shall hereafter apply to said libraries.

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