

CHAPTER 206—S. F. No. 797

An act to amend Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Sub-section 3 of Section 9814, relating to competency of witnesses in courts of law and restricting examination of clergymen and ministers of any religion, in certain cases.

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

Section 1. **Examination of clergyman restricted in certain cases.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Sub-section 3 of Section 9814, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

"9814. Every person of sufficient understanding, including a party, may testify in any action or proceeding, civil or criminal, in court or before any person who has authority to receive evidence, except as follows:

3. A clergyman or other minister of any religion shall not, without the consent of the party making the confession, be allowed to disclose a confession made to him in his professional character, in the course of discipline enjoined by the rules or practice of the religious body to which he belongs. *Nor shall a clergyman or other minister of any religion be examined as to any communication made to him by any person seeking religious or spiritual advice, aid or comfort or his advice given thereon in the course of his professional character, without the consent of such person.*"

Approved April 18, 1931.

CHAPTER 207—S. F. No. 946

An act legalizing and validating action heretofore taken by the County Boards of certain counties with reference to the deduction or abatement of taxes or interest or penalties thereon in certain cases.

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

Section 1. **Abatement of taxes validated.**—Where the board of county commissioners of any county having an area in excess of 1,000,000 acres and an assessed valuation of more than \$6,000,000