

CHAPTER 442—H. F. No. 746

An act creating the office of revisor of statutes, providing for the definition and execution of the duties of the office and to appropriate money therefor.

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

Section 1. Office of revisor of statutes created.—There is hereby created the office of Revisor of Statutes.

Sec. 2. Supreme Court to appoint—Salary.—The Supreme Court shall appoint to the office of Revisor of Statutes a person qualified to perform the duties hereinafter described, at an annual salary of \$5,000, who shall hold his office at the pleasure of the Supreme Court.

Sec. 3. May employ assistants.—Subject to the approval of the Supreme Court the Revisor of Statutes shall employ such assistants, clerks and stenographers as may be necessary and shall procure necessary office furniture, stationery, books, postage and other supplies and shall be furnished with suitable office rooms convenient to the state library. Such assistants, clerks and stenographers shall be employed during the pleasure of the Revisor of Statutes.

Sec. 4. Duties.—It shall be the duty of the Revisor of Statutes:

(a) To formulate and prepare a definite plan for the order, classification, arrangement, printing and binding of the Minnesota Statutes and to prepare and at the beginning of each session of the legislature to present to the judiciary committees of the senate and house, in such bill or bills as he may deem best, such consolidation, revision and other matter relating to the statutes or any portion thereof as he shall deem proper or as he may be instructed by the Supreme Court.

(b) To renumber any chapter or section of the statutes for the purpose of revision, and to change and supply reference numbers to agree with any renumbered chapter or section in any compilation of the statutes hereafter made.

(c) As soon as may be after the close of each regular session of the legislature, to prepare and deliver to the commission of administration and finance printer's copy for a volume to be called "Minnesota Statutes," appending to that name the year of the last regular session of the legislature, which volume shall contain the constitution of the United States, the constitution, organic act, enabling act and act of admission of the state of Minnesota, all general statutes in

force, a table of the statutes which have been revised by the Revisor of Statutes, an alphabetical index, a table showing the terms of district courts, and such other useful information as the Revisor of Statutes shall determine to be desirable and practicable.

To one copy of such volume the Revisor of Statutes shall append his certificate to the effect that he has compared each printed section therein with the original section of the statutes, or, as the case may be, with the original section in the enrolled act from which the section was derived, together with all amendments, if any, of such original section, and that all the sections therein appear to be correctly printed. Such copy shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State as a public record and all other copies of such volume shall contain a printed copy of such certificate.

(d) To prepare and biennially to revise annotations of the constitution and statutes of Minnesota by reference to the decisions of the Supreme Court of Minnesota and of the courts of the United States. As soon as may be after the close of each regular session of the legislature the Revisor of Statutes shall prepare and deliver to the commission of administration and finance printer's copy of these annotations, which shall also contain such other and useful matter as the Revisor of Statutes shall determine to be desirable and practicable.

Sec. 5. Commissioner of administration and finance to make publication.—Upon receipt of the printer's copy described in Section 4, paragraphs (c) and (d) herein, the commission of administration and finance shall enter into a contract for the publication of said "Minnesota Statutes" and annotations. Said contract shall specify the price at which they shall be sold to the state, subdivisions of the state, and the public.

Sec. 6. Copies of laws to be delivered to revisor of statutes by Secretary of State.—Immediately upon the enrollment of any law or passage of any memorial or resolution three copies thereof shall be delivered to the Revisor of Statutes by the Secretary of State.

Sec. 7. Appropriation. — There is hereby appropriated from any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$10,000 for each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 1940, and June 30, 1941, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act.

Sec. 8. Effective July 1, 1939.—This act shall take effect on July 1, 1939.

Approved April 22, 1939.