

CHAPTER X.

An Act to confer the authority of changing the Names of persons, towns and villages upon the District Court.

- SECTION 1. Authorizes District Court to change names.
 2. Manner of procedure before Court, to change name of individual.
 3. Manner of procedure to change name of town or village.
 4. Public notice of change to be given.
 5. Record of proceedings under this act to be kept separate.
 6. Costs under this act to be borne by petitioners.
 7. Act takes effect May 1, 1858.

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

- District court may change names
- SECTION 1. That the District Court shall have the authority to change the names of persons, and the names of towns and villages within this State.
- Changing individual names—petition to be filed—what it shall set forth
- SECTION 2. That any person desiring to change his or her name may file a petition with the Clerk of the District Court, in the county in which such person may be a resident, setting forth, first, that the petitioner has been a *bona fide* citizen of such county at least one year prior to the filing of the petition; second, the cause for which the change of petitioner's name is sought; third, the new name which is asked for. And it shall be the duty of the District Court, at any term thereof, after the filing of such petition, upon being satisfied, by proof in open Court, of the truth of the facts set forth in said petition, and that there exists proper and reasonable cause for changing the name of the petitioner, and that notice had been given in some newspaper in general circulation in such county, for three consecutive weeks next preceding the sitting of the Court, or if no paper be printed at the county seat, then in some paper printed at the seat of government, of the intended application, to order and direct a change of the name of such petitioner, and that an order be made for that purpose upon the journals of such Court.
- Public notice to be given before hearing in court
- SECTION 3. That whenever it may be desirable to change the name of any town or village, in any county of this State, a petition for that purpose may in like manner be filed with the Clerk of the District Court for such county, signed by at least twenty landholders of the vicinity, setting forth the cause why such change is desirable, and the name prayed to be substituted. And the Court upon being satisfied, by proof, that the prayer of the petitioners is just and reasonable, and that notice as required in the foregoing section had been given, and that the inhabitants of such town, or the majority of the qualified voters thereof desire such change, and that there is no other town or village in this State with the same
- Changing names of towns
- Proceedings
- Public notice

name with that which is prayed for, may order a change of the name of such town or village, as prayed for in such petition.

Sec. 4. After such change of name as is contemplated in the foregoing section, shall have been ordered to be entered upon the journals of such Court, then it shall be the duty of such person or persons most directly [interested] in such change to cause notice thereof to be published in like manner as contemplated by the first section of this Act. Record on the journals of court.
Public notice of change

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the District Court to keep a separate book for recording the proceedings under this Act. Clerk of court

Sec. 6. All proceedings under this Act shall be at the cost of the petitioners; *provided* always, that any change of name under the provisions of this Act shall not, in any manner, affect or alter any right of action, legal process, or property. Costs

Sec. 7. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

GEORGE BRADLEY,

Speaker *pro tem.* of the House of Representatives.

RICHARD G. MURPHY,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

APPROVED—February twenty-six, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

CHAS. L. CHASE, Acting Governor.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }
February 26, 1858. }

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original on file in this office.

CHAS. L. CHASE, Secretary.

CHAPTER XI.

An Act authorizing the Clerks of Courts to grant Orders of Publication.

SECTION 1. Clerks of Courts authorized to grant orders of publication same as Judges.

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

SECTION 1. That the Clerks of the several Courts of this