

certified by the secretary or clerk of said board, shall be filed in the office of the clerk or recorder of the city, village or district wherein such election by ballot may occur. And the person so selected to fill such vacancy shall qualify in the same manner as though chosen to said office at a general election.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 11, 1899.

CHAPTER 163.

H. F. No. 504.

An act to prevent the desecration, mutilation or improper use of the flag of the United States, or of the State of Minnesota.

National and state flag.

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

SECTION 1. Any person who in any manner, for exhibition or display, places or causes to be placed, any inscription, design, device, symbol, name, advertisement, words, characters, marks or notice whatever upon any flag, standard, color or ensign of the United States or state flag of the State of Minnesota, or ensign evidently purporting to be either of said flags, standards, colors or ensigns, or who, in any manner appends, annexes or affixes or causes to be appended, annexed or affixed, to any such flag, standard, color or ensign, any inscription, design, device, symbol, name, advertisement, words, marks, notice or token whatever, or who displays or exhibits or causes to be displayed or exhibited any flag, standard, color or ensign of the United States or flag of the State of Minnesota, or flag, standard, color or ensign evidently purporting to be either of said flags, standards, colors or ensigns, upon which shall, in any manner be placed, attached, annexed or affixed, any inscription, design, device, symbol, name, advertisement, words, marks, notice or token whatever, or who publicly mutilates, tramples upon or otherwise defaces or defies any of said flags, standards, colors or ensigns, whether any of said flags, standards, colors or ensigns are public or private property, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor. *Provided, however,* that flags, standards, colors or ensigns, the property of or used in the service of the United States or of the State of Minnesota, may have inscriptions, names of actions, words, marks or symbols, placed thereon, pursuant to law or authorized regulations.

Desecration of what constitutes punishment.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first (1st) day of January, nineteen hundred (1900).

Approved April 11, 1899.

CHAPTER 164

H. F. No. 241.

Soldiers' home. *An act to amend section twenty-four (24) of chapter one hundred and forty-eight (148) of General Laws of Minnesota for the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven (1887), as amended by chapter two hundred and sixty-three (263) of General Laws of Minnesota for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven (1897) relating to the Minnesota Soldiers' home.*

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

Laws relating to, amended.

SECTION 1. That section twenty-four (24) of chapter one hundred and forty-eight (148) of General Laws of Minnesota for the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven (1887), as amended by chapter two hundred and sixty-three (263) of General Laws of Minnesota for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven (1897) be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

\$20,000, annual appropriation for.

"Sec. 24. There is hereby annually appropriated out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of twenty thousand (20,000) dollars for the support and maintenance of said soldiers' home and the ex-soldiers, sailors and marines admitted thereto, and all moneys so appropriated or which may be appropriated from time to time by the State of Minnesota for the support and maintenance of said soldiers' home and of the ex-soldiers, sailors and marines admitted to the said soldiers' home, together with the funds from time to time transferred thereto from the soldiers' relief fund, shall be known as the 'soldiers' home fund,' and shall be kept separate and distinct from the soldiers' relief fund."

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 11, 1899.