

Not liable to attachments or garnishment.

Buildings exempt from taxation.

Must be occupied by association.

SEC. 2. The money, or other benefit, charity, relief or aid to be paid, provided or rendered by any association authorized to do business under this act shall not be liable to attachment, garnishment or other process, and shall not be seized, taken, appropriated or applied by any legal or equitable process or by operation of law to pay any debt or liability of a certificate holder or of any beneficiary named in any certificate or any person who may have any right thereunder. And the buildings and other property used by said association in carrying on its business, and all dues, assessments and other payments and the accumulations thereof, held and possessed by said association for the payment of death, sick or disability benefits, and the reserve, emergency and other mortuary funds of said association shall be exempt from taxation for state, county and municipal purposes;

Provided, that nothing in this act shall be construed to exempt from taxation any real estate owned by any association incorporated or doing business under the provisions of this act, except such as is occupied exclusively by such association in carrying on its business.

SEC. 3. This act shall apply to and govern any and all associations, corporations and societies heretofore organized or authorized to do business in this state, and now or hereafter operating upon a plan in accordance with the provisions of this act.

SEC. 4. Any and all acts and parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 18, 1903.

S. F. No. 307.

CHAPTER 277.

An act to permit one or more school districts adjoining a school district which maintains a state graded or a state high school to consolidate with the latter, and for the transportation of children to and from school at public expense.

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

Permitting adjoining school districts to consolidate.

SECTION 1. Any school district or several school districts may be consolidated with an adjoining school district which maintains a state graded or a state high school,

in the manner hereinafter described and the limitations as to territory now provided by law for independent and common school districts shall not apply to districts consolidated under the provisions of this act.

SEC. 2. Whenever a petition signed by a majority of the resident freeholders of each of the districts, including the district which maintains a state graded or a state high school, which are proposed to be consolidated (which fact shall in said petition be certified to by the clerks of the several districts) is presented to the superintendent of schools of the county wherein that one of the districts which maintains a state graded or a state high school lies in whole or in major part, he shall within ten (10) days cause written or printed notices to be posted in three (3) of the most public places in each of said districts, requesting the qualified electors thereof to assemble at some specified time in some specified place in the district which maintains a state graded or a state high school, for the purpose of voting by ballot for or against the consolidation of said districts. The notice of such meetings shall be posted at least ten (10) days prior to the date of such meeting.

Petition by
resident free-
holders.

Posting
notices.

SEC. 3. The electors of the several districts assembled pursuant to such notices shall proceed to elect from their own number a chairman, assistant chairman, and a clerk, who shall be judges of election. The electors in favor of the consolidation of the districts shall write, or have written or printed, upon their ballots the words: "In favor of consolidation," and those opposed, "Against consolidation." The chairman of such meeting shall, within ten (10) days thereafter, certify the result of such vote to the superintendent of schools above specified.

Election of
officers.

Vote on
consolidation.

SEC. 4. If it shall appear from such report that a majority of the electors present and voting voted in favor of consolidating the districts, said superintendent shall, within ten (10) days thereafter, certify to the county auditor of each county wherein any of said districts lie that they have been consolidated into one district, the number of which shall be the number of that one of the districts which maintains a state graded or a state high school, which facts shall be immediately entered upon the records of said auditor or auditors. The auditor of the county in which that one of the districts which maintains a state graded or a state high school, lies in whole or in major

Certify to
county
auditor.

Notify clerks
of districts.

part, shall immediately notify the clerks of the several districts of said record of consolidation.

Turn over
funds.

Officers of
consolidated
district.

SEC. 5. Within ten (10) days from the receipt of the notice of record by the clerks of the several districts the officers of the several districts shall turn over to the officers of that one of the districts which maintains a state graded or a state high school the records, funds and effects belonging to their several districts. The said officers of the district which maintains a state graded or a state high school shall be the officers of the consolidated districts, and the organization of that district shall be the organization of the consolidated district, and the laws governing that district shall apply to the consolidated district when not inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

Transportation
of children.

SEC. 6. The board of education or the board of trustees of any district consolidated from other districts, under the provisions of this act, shall have power to provide for the transportation of children to and from school at public expense, subject to such rules and regulations as they may adopt; *provided, however*, that every person employed for this purpose shall be required to give a reasonable bond for the faithful discharge of his duties as prescribed by said board of education, or board of trustees.

Rights of
consolidated
district.

SEC. 7. Districts organized by consolidation of other districts, under the provisions of this act, shall succeed to all their rights and be subject to all the liabilities of the several consolidated districts.

SEC. 8. Nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent school districts consolidating and organizing under the provisions of chapter 262, General Laws of 1901, at their option.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 18, 1903.