

manufacturing process carried on therein the room must be ventilated in such manner as to render them harmless, so far as is practicable; in case of failure the commissioner of labor shall order such ventilation to be provided.

Such owner, agent or lessee shall provide such ventilation within twenty days after the service upon him of such order, and in case of failure, shall forfeit to the people of the state, ten dollars for each day after the expiration of such twenty days, to be recovered by the commissioner of labor.

Factory and workshop to be limewashed—Violation a misdemeanor.—Sec. 6. Every factory and workshop in this state where women and children are employed and where dusty work is carried on shall be limewashed or painted at least once in every twelve months.

Every floor of any room in said factory shall be thoroughly cleaned with soap and water at least once in six months and every dressing room and water closet in said factory shall be thoroughly cleaned with soap and water once in every week.

Any employer, superintendent, owner or other agent of any mercantile establishment who violates any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 24, 1909.

CHAPTER 500—H. F. No. 821.

An Act providing for the dissolution and annulment of common school districts in certain cases.

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

Dissolution of school districts in certain cases.—Section 1. Any common school district which is unable to raise by taxation at least three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for the support of each school in said district by levying the maximum tax rate allowed by law for that purpose, may be dissolved, annulled and discontinued by the county board. A petition requesting the taking of such action shall be presented to said county board and shall contain a correct description of the territory included in said district, the number of persons residing therein, the names and ages of all children of school age residing therein, the total assessed valuation of all property within said district, and request that such district be dissolved, annulled and discontinued. Such petition shall be signed by a majority of the freeholders qualified to

vote for school officers in said district, and before being presented to the county board it shall be approved by the county superintendent of schools if such petition meets with his approval, and it shall also be approved by the county board of education.

Petition of county board.—Sec. 2. Upon the presentation of such petition approved as aforesaid, the county board shall designate a time for hearing the same and notice thereof shall be given in the manner provided by law for notice in the case of the formation of the school district.

Appeal from action of board.—Sec. 3. At such hearing the board shall act in a manner similar to the action provided by law for the formation of districts, and any person aggrieved may appeal in like manner.

Territory to come under jurisdiction of county board of education.—Sec. 4. If said petition is granted by the county board, then said school district shall from that time cease to exist and all of the territory thereof and the schools previously conducted by it shall then come under the jurisdiction of the county board of education of said county, and shall thereafter be managed by said county board of education in the same manner as if said district had never been organized. And it shall be the duty of the officers of said vacated school district to forthwith deliver to the county auditor of said county all of the books and records of said school district, and to the county treasurer all of the moneys and school funds in its possession.

Outstanding obligations.—Sec. 5. All incurred and outstanding obligations of any district so discontinued and vacated shall be and remain a charge upon the property formerly within said district to the same effect as if said district had not been discontinued, and the county auditor shall each year levy against all of the taxable property within the limits of said former school district a sufficient levy, not to exceed the maximum provided by law, for the cancellation and liquidation of such outstanding indebtedness, such levy to be made year after year until said entire indebtedness is cancelled and extinguished. And the amount levied by the county board of education upon all taxable property in unorganized territory shall be levied upon the property within the limits of said former school district in addition to the amount so levied by said auditor and in the same proportion that it is levied upon the taxable property in said county outside of organized school districts.

Sec. 6. This act shall not apply to any county or counties not having a county board of education as provided by chapter 76, General Laws 1907.

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