

constitutional or invalid, it shall not invalidate or in any way affect any other provision or part thereof.

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CHAPTER 417—H. F. No. 1063.

An act to provide in certain cases for the separation from cities containing 10,000, or less, of unplatted agricultural lands included in the corporate limits of such city, and attaching same to adjoining towns or townships in the same county, and defining the duties of the county commissioners in such cases.

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

Section 1. Agricultural lands may be detached from cities.—The owners of 75 per cent, or more, of any contiguous unplatted tracts or parcels of land containing not less than 300 acres, included within the corporate limits of any city in this state containing 10,000 inhabitants or less, and used and occupied exclusively for agricultural purposes, may petition the district court of the county in which such tracts and parcels of land are situated for a decree detaching such tracts and parcels of land from such city. Upon the filing of such petition the court shall fix a time for the hearing thereon which shall not be less than thirty days from the date of the filing of such petition: and the petitioner shall serve or cause to be served a notice of such hearing upon the mayor or city clerk of such city at least twenty days before the time fixed for such hearing.

Sec. 2. Court to order tracts detached.—If, upon the hearing, the court shall find that such tracts and parcels of land are of the nature and quantity as hereinbefore set forth, and that they may be detached from such city without unreasonably affecting the symmetry of the settled portions of such city, it may grant such decree, and said tracts and parcels of land shall thereupon become detached from such city for all purposes as effectively as if they had never been a part thereof.

Sec. 3. Detached part to become part of township.—Where there is no organized town or township government in the town from which said lands were detached exclusive of the city government of such city, it shall be the duty of the board of county commissioners of the county in which said lands are situated to attach any part or all of said lands so detached from such city by the decree of the court made under the provisions of this act to any towns or townships adjoining said lands and within the said county and thereafter said lands shall, in all things, be subject to the government of the township to which they are so attached.

Sec. 4. Not to affect other statutes.—The provisions of this act shall be supplemental to and in addition to the provisions of

Sections 1732, 1733 and 1734 of the General Statutes of 1913, and shall not in any way supersede the provisions of the last afore-said section of the General Statutes of 1913.

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

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CHAPTER 418—II. F. No. 1324.

An act to amend Chapter 461 of the Laws of 1921, an act concerning the taxation, under Article 16 of the state constitution, of motor-vehicles using the public streets and highways of this state in lieu of all other taxes thereon except wheelage taxes, so-called, and concerning the methods of registering and listing such motor vehicles for taxation and the collection of such taxes and the method of preventing escape therefrom and prohibiting any municipality from imposing any tax upon or license fee or bond of any kind for the operation of certain motor vehicles engaged as common carriers of passengers or freight for hire on trunk highways running through any such borough, village or city."

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

That Section 1 to 28, inclusive, of Chapter 461 of the Laws of Minnesota 1921 be and the same are hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. **Definitions.**—Wherever in this act the following terms are used, they shall be construed to have the meaning herein ascribed to them:

"Application for Registration" shall have the same meaning as "listing for taxation," and when a motor vehicle is registered it is also listed.

"Commercial Freighting," shall mean the carriage of things other than passengers, for hire, between points not wholly within the limits of the same city, village or borough: provided, that local dray lines carrying baggage or goods to or from a railroad station from or to places in the vicinity thereof shall not be construed to be engaged in commercial freighting.

"Commercial Passenger Transportation," shall mean the carriage of passengers for hire between points not wholly within the limits of the same city, village or borough: provided that local bus lines carrying passengers from a railroad station from or to places in the vicinity thereof shall not be construed to be engaged in commercial passage transportation.

"Highway." Any public thoroughfare for vehicles, including streets in cities, villages and boroughs.

"Motor Vehicles." Any self-propelled vehicle not operated exclusively upon railroad tracks, and any vehicle propelled or drawn by a self-propelled vehicle.