

CHAPTER 301—H. F. No. 1385.

(Sec. 200, Note, G. S. 1923.)

An act, relating to clerk hire of clerks of court in certain counties and repealing Chapter 355, General Laws 1921, relating thereto.

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

Section 1. Clerk hire for clerk of courts in certain counties.— In each county of this state now or hereafter containing more than sixty or less than eighty congressional townships, and which now has or may hereafter have a population of more than 45,000 and less than 75,000 inhabitants, according to the last preceding state or federal census, the clerk of the district court shall be entitled to a sum to be fixed by the board of county commissioners of such county at not to exceed fifteen hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars for clerk hire. Said clerk hire shall be paid monthly, for services actually rendered, upon the presentation of a certificate of the clerk of the District Court to the county auditor who shall issue to such person entitled thereto his warrant upon the county treasurer of said county for the amount therefor.

Sec. 2. Chapter 355, General Laws 1921, is hereby repealed.

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

Approved April 21, 1925.

CHAPTER 302—H. F. No. 166.

(Sec. 10171, G. S. 1923.)

An act to amend Section 11 of Chapter 139, Laws 1923, relating to public dances.

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

Section 1. Dance halls to close at one A. M.—That Section 11 of Chapter 139, Laws 1923, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows :

"Sec. 11. *No public dance shall be held or conducted between the hours of one and six o'clock A. M. of any day; provided that no public dance shall be held or conducted on Sunday during the hours preceding twelve o'clock noon thereof.* In all other cases the public authorities issuing the permit herein provided for may, if they so desire, fix the hours within which public dances may be held, not inconsistent herewith, and shall also have authority by ordinance, resolution or by law to regulate or to prohibit the same on Sunday, within the limits of the city, village or territory within which such

public authorities may grant permits for public dancing as herein provided."

Approved April 22, 1925.

CHAPTER 303—H. F. No. 320

An act providing for the care of children unsuitable for adoption.

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

Section 1. Care of children unsuitable for adoption.—Whenever a juvenile court shall find a child to be dependent and it appears that such child is not at the time a proper subject for commitment to the state school for feeble-minded, but is so handicapped physically or mentally that he cannot be admitted to the state public school or be placed in a home for adoption, the court may commit such child to the care of the state board of control as a child unsuitable for adoption in order that he may receive specialized study, treatment, and care designed to fit him, if possible, to be placed out for adoption or to become self-supporting. A dependent child may be adjudged to be a child unsuitable for adoption when it appears (a) That he is the offspring of incestuous cohabitation; (b) That one or both of his parents are feeble-minded or insane, and the mental status of the child is as yet undetermined; (c) That he is crippled or deformed or afflicted with tuberculosis, venereal diseases, or other contagious or offensive disease that renders his presence a menace to others; (d) That he is affected by habits, ailments, or handicaps that produce erratic and unstable conduct.

Sec. 2. Duties of Board of Control.—Thereafter it shall be the duty of the board of control through the children's bureau and child welfare boards to arrange for such tests, examinations, and investigations as are necessary for the proper diagnosis, classification, treatment, care and disposition of the child as necessity and the best interests of the child shall from time to time require. The facilities of the departments and state institutions for handicapped children under the management of the board, the Minnesota general hospital and its psychopathic department, as well as the facilities available through reputable clinics and public and private child-caring agencies certified by the board may be used as the particular needs of the child may demand. Except for special observation and treatment the child shall not be kept in a hospital or institution, but shall be placed in a suitable family home under the supervision of the board of control or its county child welfare boards, or of an agency certified by the board of control to select and supervise boarding homes. It is the purpose of this act that the child unsuitable for adoption shall have the advantages of normal home life