

Sec. 14. All assignments, agreements or contracts affecting any such permit or lease shall be made in writing and signed by both parties thereto, witnessed by two witnesses and properly acknowledged and shall contain the post office addresses of all parties having an interest; and when so executed shall be presented to the state auditor for record. The state auditor shall then record such assignment, agreement or contract at length in his office in record books kept and provided for that purpose and a certificate of such record showing the date thereof and the book and page shall be endorsed on the assignment, agreement or contract, which then shall be returned to the party entitled thereto.

Sec. 15. All instruments by virtue of which the title to any permit or lease herein provided for, is in any way affected shall receive, as to form and execution, the approval of the state auditor, which approval shall be endorsed thereon and such instrument when so approved shall be duly recorded as provided in section 14 hereof. For recording any assignment or other instrument affecting the title to any permit or lease, or for furnishing certified copies of the records, the state auditor shall charge a fee of ten cents per folio. All such fees shall be turned into the state treasury."

Sec. 2. Inconsistent acts repealed.—All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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

Approved April 22, 1927.

CHAPTER 390—S. F. No. 602

An act creating a Commissioner of registration and providing for the registration of qualified voters in all villages now or hereafter having a population of more than 9,000 and \$14,000,000 valuation, and in all cities now or hereafter having a population of more than 7,000 and an assessed valuation of more than \$14,000,000.

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

Section 1. (a) **Commissioner of registration in certain villages.**—That the office of commissioner of registration be and the same hereby is created in all villages now or hereafter having a population of more than 9,000 and \$14,000,000.00 valuation, and when deemed expedient by the City Council by a four-fifths vote in all cities now or hereafter having a population of more than 7,000 and an assessed valuation of more than

\$14,000,000.00. The village recorder in any such village and the city clerk in any such city shall be ex-officio commissioners of registration, and shall receive such additional salary as commissioners as the Council shall fix, not however exceeding \$600. per year, payable in equal monthly installments.

(b) Places of registration shall be established throughout villages of more than 9,000 inhabitants and \$14,000,000.00 valuation, and when deemed expedient by the City Council by a four-fifths vote, in all cities now or hereafter having a population of more than 7,000 and an assessed valuation of more than \$14,000,000.00, one to each precinct in each village and/or city, in the usual polling places.

(c) The Council of such village and/or city is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint such temporary clerks of registration as may be necessary.

(d) As soon as possible after the passage of this Act and not later than June 1, 1927, the Commissioner of Registration shall proceed to take the necessary steps for establishing the registration plan.

Sec. 2. Definitions.—For the purposes of this Act the word “elections” whenever used shall be held to mean all general, special, school or primary elections, both state and municipal.

Sec. 3. Voters must be registered.—From and after the first day of June, 1927, no qualified voter shall be permitted to vote at any election unless such voter shall have registered as provided in this Act.

Sec. 4. Commissioner to have complete charge of registration.—The said Commissioner of Registration shall have complete charge of the registration of all qualified voters within such village and/or city. He shall provide printed forms and blanks, together with such other supplies and equipment as are necessary to properly carry out the provisions of this Act. Subject to the provisions of this Act, he shall prescribe such reasonable rules and regulations as to office hours and places and manner of registration as may be necessary. Provided, however, that places of registration shall be established throughout the village and/or city, one to each precinct in the usual polling places, the same to remain open for a period of two registration days in 1927 from eight o'clock A. M. to eight o'clock P. M., said registration days to be fixed by the village and/or city council. One of said days in 1927 to be prior to July 15, 1927, and one of said days in 1927 to be subsequent to July 15 and prior to September 15, 1927, and provided, further, that the office of the Commissioner of Registration shall remain open until eight o'clock P. M. each of the four Saturdays immediately preceding the last registration day as prescribed by this Act. All deputies, clerks, and other em-

ployes appointed by the Commissioner of Registration shall be subject to the provisions of any Civil Service law that now is or hereafter may be applicable to any such village.

Sec. 5. Commissioner to keep register of voters.—The Commissioner of Registration shall provide for an original list of qualified voters properly indexed, which shall be kept at the office of the Commissioner of Registration in a place and in such manner as to be properly safeguarded. Such list shall be known as "The Original Registration List" and shall not be removed from the Commissioner's office except upon court order. A second list to be known as "The Duplicate Registration List" shall be prepared from the "Original Registration List" by the Commissioner. Such "Duplicate Registration List" shall at all times, and subject to reasonable rules and regulations, be open to public inspection but no inspection shall be allowed that will interfere with the work of the judges or disarrange the election lists.

Sec. 6. Records to be kept.—For the purpose of expediting the work of the Commissioner of Registration, for uniformity and for preparation of abstracts and other forms in use by the election boards, the registration records shall be substantially as follows:

(a) Suitable card index devices shall be provided. There shall also be provided suitable index cards of sufficient facial area to contain in plain writing and figures the data required thereon.

(b) The following information concerning each applicant for registry shall be entered on the card:

(1) If a man: —

Election District

Name, i.e., the name of the applicant, giving surname and Christian names in full.

Residence, i.e., the name and number of the street, avenue or other location of the dwelling, and such additional clear and definite description as may be necessary to give the exact location of the applicant.

Age. Are you 21 years of age...it being required that applicant shall be 21 years of age on or before the day of the next election conducted by the village and/or city council following the date of application.

Term of residence, i.e., Will you have lived in the State of Minnesota for six months on or before the date of the next election conducted by the village and/or city council? Will you have lived in the election district for 31 days on or before the date of the next election conducted by the village and/or city council?

Nativity. In what state or country were you born?

Citizenship. Have you ever renounced your allegiance to the United States of America? Are you a naturalized citizen? Have you been a naturalized citizen for the three months prior to the date of the election next following the date of this application? In what court were you naturalized? Did your parents take out their second papers before you became 21 years of age, and while you were a resident of the United States?

Date of application, i.e., the day, month and year when the applicant presented himself for registration.

Signature of Voter. The applicant, after registration, shall be required to sign his name on both the original and the duplicate registration lists.

(2) If a woman:—

The information requested shall be the same as for males with such additional information as may be necessary to determine the qualifications of the applicant for registration. Provided, that whenever, after such original registration, any change of name shall occur due to marriage or divorce, such applicant shall not be allowed to vote until she has re-registered; and after such re-registration the Commission of Registration shall remove the previous registration card from the file.

(c) There shall be provided removal notices to be given out upon request for use of any registered voter moving to a new location. These notices shall be printed upon thin card, shall contain a blank form showing where the applicant last resided, and the address and exact location to which he is moving, and shall have a line for his signature similar to the one upon the Original Registration Card. Upon receipt of such removal notices, but not later than ten days prior to any election, the Commissioner of Registration shall make entry of such change of residence on the original and the duplicate registration lists and the applicant shall thereupon be qualified to vote in the new election district.

(d) The commissioner shall compile and shall deliver to the judges of election in each district the duplicate registration list of the voters in that district, which shall be known as the "Election Register." Such register shall contain the names and address of every registered voter in that election district, together with a space following each name in which shall be recorded the words "voted" or "not voted" as the case may be. Also a space for "remarks" in which shall be recorded any challenge, affidavit or other information as may be required. The entry of the words "voted" or "not voted," challenge, affidavit or other information shall be made by the judges of

election immediately after the ballot of the voter has been deposited.

(e) For the purpose of preventing fraudulent voting and for eliminating excess names, following the close of registration, or at any other time that he may deem necessary, the Commissioner of Registration may send by mail to any voter whose name appears on the Original Registration lists, a notice bearing a statement substantially as follows:

You are hereby notified that your name and address appears on the Original Registration List as shown on the opposite side of this card. If there is any mistake in the above name or address, present this card at the office of the Commissioner of Registration, No.....Village and/or City Hall, for correction on or before..... 19..... The return of this card by the post office to the Commissioner of Registration will be accepted as evidence on which to challenge your vote on election day.

..... Commissioner of Registration.

Upon the return by the post office of any such notice the Commissioner of Registration shall and at other times may direct an authorized clerk to check up, in person, the name and address of any voter, and if said voter is found to have removed from the address as recorded, on the Original Registration List, the Commissioner of Registration shall cause to be entered on the Election Register of the proper district, in the proper space opposite the said voter's name, the word "challenged." No one so challenged shall be permitted to vote except by complying with all provisions of law applicable to the proving of challenges.

(f) Every 15 days, or at more frequent times, the health commissioner or other officer in charge of the death records in any such village and/or city shall report to the Commissioner of Registration names and addresses of all persons over 21 years of age who have died within such village and/or city. The Commissioner of Registration shall, upon receipt of said report, examine the original and duplicate registration lists and shall remove therefrom, to an inactive file, the registration cards of all registered persons certified by the health commissioner as deceased.

Sec. 7. Commissioners to register voters—oath.—The Commissioner of Registration or a duly authorized clerk acting for him, shall, up to 30 days next preceding any election, receive the application for registration of all such qualified voters as shall personally appear for registration at the office of the Commissioner or at such other place as is designated by him for registration, who then are, or on the date of election next fol-

lowing the day of making such application, will be entitled to vote. Any qualified voter who applies for registration shall subscribe to the following oath or affirmation, viz:

You do solemnly swear or affirm that you will fully and truly answer such questions as shall be put to you, touching your qualifications as voter, under the laws of this state.

Upon being sworn, the applicant shall answer such questions as are required as hereinbefore set forth, and the clerk shall fill out the form, which the applicant shall sign, and he shall not be required to register again for any election; provided, however, that failure to vote at least once in any two successive calendar years wherein elections are held shall operate as a challenge and shall require the applicant to re-register. In case a qualified voter is unable to write his name, he shall be required to make a cross, which shall be certified by the signing of the name of the applicant by the registration clerk taking the application. No qualified voter who is unable to sign his name may be permitted to mail or hand in a removal notice as in this act provided, but must appear in person to secure a removal of his name to his new voting district, provided that any person entitled to vote at any election conducted by the common council of the village and/or city who is absent from the election district in which he maintains his legal residence and is entitled to vote, may, up to 30 days next preceding any election, make application in writing to the Commissioner of Registration to have his name entered upon the poll list and register of the precinct of his said residence, by mailing to and filing with said Commissioner of Registration his application and affidavit substantially in the following form:

I,....., being first duly sworn, on oath say that I am a legal voter to the State of Minnesota; that I reside at No.....street (or avenue), in the.....election district in the village and/or city; that I have not been and will not be able to be present in such district to register personally for the reason that.....; that I desire to be registered in such district; that my full name is.....; I was born at.....; am.....(state color), have resided in the United States foryears and.....months, and in Minnesota foryears and.....months, and in such election district for.....years and.....months and.....days; that I am able to read English, and by occupation am a; that at the last election conducted by the common council of the village and/or city, I resided at No.....street (or avenue), in such village and/or city and was registered and voted at the.....election district (or that at the

last election conducted by the common council of the village and/or city I was not a resident of such village, and/or city but voted at.....); that at my present residence, as above stated, I am.....(householder, boarder, lodger, employe, or other proper term); (the following to be omitted if native born) that I am a naturalized citizen of the United States; that my final papers were issued by the.....(give court and place) on the.....(give date or other particulars.)

(Signature).....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this.....day of

.....19.....

Upon filing of said application with the commissioner of registration the commissioner of registration shall forward to said applicant original and duplicate registration cards which said applicant shall sign and acknowledge in duplicate before an officer authorized by law to administer oaths and having a seal and return said original and duplicate registration cards to said commissioner of registration.

Suitable card index devices shall be provided. There shall also be provided suitable index cards of sufficient facial area to contain in plain writing and figures the date required thereon.

Sec. 8. Commissioner to make election registers.—The Commissioner of Registration shall have 20 full days immediately following the last day of registration to perfect his Election Registers and the voters shall have 10 full days between the day of perfecting the Election Registers and election day for inspection and making such inquiries regarding such registers as they may desire, all of which shall be answered by the Commissioner of Registration, and in case identification cards are requested by any person entitled to vote at the next election they shall be issued by the Commissioner of Registration. No persons may be registered within 30 days prior to any election.

Sec. 9. Commissioner to check up registrations.—At the close of each calendar year after the second year of the registration under this Act, clerks of registration shall check up the registration list for the purpose of eliminating excess names, and to that end, they shall examine the Election Registers and whenever it appears that a registered voter has not voted at an election at least once in any two successive calendar years where elections are held, his card shall be taken from the Original and the Duplicate Registration Lists and placed in a transfer file, and a printed postal card notice of that fact with the information that his vote has been challenged, and that the voter must re-register to remove said challenge, shall be sent to the last known address of said

voter. When removal notices are received by the clerks, they shall examine the signatures and compare them with the original, and if they are not similar a postal card notice, stating a refusal to transfer for that case, shall be sent to the applicant at the new address given:

Sec. 10. Challenges.—Any person may challenge a registration at any time by filing a written challenge with the Commissioner of Registration. Persons so challenged shall appear before the Commissioner of Registration thereafter to prove their challenge, and the person so challenged shall have notice given of the challenge and the Commissioner shall decide the right to the entry of the evidence. Either party may appeal to the District Court of the County in which the challenge is made and a date for the hearing shall be fixed and the decision of such court shall be final.

Sec. 11. Violations—penalties.—Any officer or employe who shall wilfully fail to perform or enforce any of the provisions of this act, or who shall unlawfully or fraudulently remove any registration card or record from its proper compartment in the registration records, or who shall wilfully destroy any record provided by this act to be kept, or any person who shall wilfully or fraudulently register more than once, or register under any but his true name, or attempt to vote by impersonating another who is registered, or who wilfully registers in any election district where he is not a resident at any time of registering, or who adds a name to a page or pages of the registration lists, or who violates any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a felony.

Sec. 12. Oath.—Before entering upon his duties, each officer or clerk of whatever capacity shall subscribe to an oath in such form as provided by the attorney for the village and/or city.

Sec. 13. Expenses to be paid by village.—The necessary expense in each village and/or city for carrying out the provisions of this act shall be paid by such village and/or city and the village and/or city council of such village and/or city shall provide out of the current revenues of the village and/or city sufficient funds based upon the estimate prepared by the Commissioner of Registration.

Sec. 14. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this Approved April 22, 1927.

CHAPTER 391—S. F. No. 5

An act relating to the admission of attorneys at law to practice in Minnesota.