

CHAPTER 293—H. F. No. 219

An act to provide for the registration of the owners and publishers of all papers published within the state of Minnesota, to prohibit the publication of any anonymous newspapers, circulars or publications, to provide a penalty for failure to comply and to provide for the proof of the ownership and publisher in the event of the failure to comply with the provisions of this act or in prosecution for libel on account of any publication therein.

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

Section 1. Newspapers to register statement of ownership—exceptions.—Every newspaper printed or published within the State of Minnesota excepting legally qualified newspapers shall register in the office of the register of deeds, a statement of the owners, printers and publishers of said paper, and the residence of each, and if the same shall be published by a corporation, the names and residences of the president, secretary and editors thereof.

Sec. 2. Register of deeds to provide book.—The register shall provide a suitable book in which to register the names as herein provided and shall charge therefor a fee of fifty cents.

Sec. 3. Shall not publish paper unless registered.—No newspaper excepting a legally qualified newspaper shall be printed or published within the State of Minnesota without the names of the owners, publishers and editors thereof stated and set forth in said newspaper.

Sec. 4. Violation a gross misdemeanor.—In the event of any newspaper failing to file and register as provided for in Section 1 of this act, the party printing or publishing the same shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Sec. 5. Court to determine ownership.—In the event of the publication of any newspaper within the State of Minnesota without the names of the owners and publishers thereof fully set forth in said newspaper, circular or publication, the court or the jury may determine such ownership and publisher on evidence of the general or local reputation of that fact and opinion evidence may be offered and considered by the court or jury in any case arising in connection with the ownership, printing or publishing of any

such publication or of any article published therein either in a criminal action for libel by reason of such publication or in any civil action based thereon.

Sec. 6. Definition.—By the term “newspaper” as expressed herein, shall be included any newspaper, circular or any other publication whether issued regularly or intermittently by the same parties or by parties, one of whom has been associated with one or more publication of such newspaper or circular, whether the name of the publication be the same or different.

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

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CHAPTER 294—H. F. No. 241

An act to provide for the storage of grain upon farms, and regulating such storage for the purpose of procuring loans upon such grain and making provision for the issuance of negotiable warehouse certificates upon such grain; and to aid in the orderly marketing of said grain, and authorizing the railroad and warehouse commission to make rules and regulations deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of this act which is hereby made the duty of such commission, and prescribing penalties for the violation of this act.

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

Section 1. Object and purpose of act.—The purpose of this act shall be to provide the owner of grain in this state with means of warehousing same on the farms, under proper restrictions and safeguards, as a basis for credit and to aid in the orderly marketing thereof.

Sec. 2. Supervision by Railroad and Warehouse Commission.—The Railroad and Warehouse Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) is hereby authorized and it is hereby declared to be its duty to carry out the provisions of this act and to that