

CHAPTER 30—S. F. No. 146

An act relating to the salaries and allowance for clerk hire of judges of probate and preventing any decrease by reason of a decline in population or by a decrease in the valuation of the county during the term of office of any such judge.

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

Section 1. **Salaries and clerk hire not to be affected by decrease in valuation.**—Neither the salary nor allowance for clerk hire of any judge of probate shall be decreased during the term for which he was elected or appointed by reason of any decline in the population of the county *or by a decrease in the valuation of the county*, but such salary and clerk hire shall be paid during the balance of such term of office in the amounts authorized prior to such reduction in population, *or by a decrease in valuation of the county.*

Approved February 26, 1931.

CHAPTER 31—H. F. No. 20

An act to amend Laws 1929, Chapter 9, relating to county school districts.

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

Section 1. **School districts may be consolidated.**—That Laws 1929, chapter 9, section 1, be amended to read as follows:

“Section 1. School districts may be consolidated.—Any county having less than seven organized school districts may consolidate such districts into one county district which shall be designated as thecounty school district, in the following manner.

The board of county commissioners of such county may by resolution, and shall upon petition to such board signed by not less than ten per cent of the qualified voters of the county according to the votes of the then last preceding general election, submit to the qualified electors of the county at the next general election to be held in such county not less than thirty days thereafter, the proposition of consolidating said districts into a county district. The ballots submitting the same shall read as follows :

For Consolidation.....

Against Consolidation.....

Such ballots shall be voted, canvassed and the result declared and returned in the same manner as ballots for elective county officers. If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition be for consolidation,

the county auditor shall make proper orders to give effect to such vote and shall transmit a copy thereof to the clerk of each district.

The school board of each district shall continue to maintain schools therein except that no such board shall have authority to make any contract relating to school business of the ensuing school year in the same manner as if no consolidation had been voted until July 1st next following, at which time all records, moneys, credits and funds of said districts, shall be delivered to the county treasurer to act as custodian of same until such time as the organization of the county district shall have been completed. The county treasurer shall give a receipt for such records and funds and shall cause the financial accounts and statements to be audited by competent authority."

Sec. 2. Duties of school board.—That Laws 1929, Chapter 9, section 3, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 3. Duties of school board.—It shall be the duty of said board to furnish school facilities to every child of school age residing in any part of said county district, either by building school houses, leasing school rooms, transporting said children to the nearest school, boarding said children within convenient distance of school at the expense of said board or otherwise, and to provide necessary supplies, texts, and library books.

The annual meeting as held in ten or more townships districts need not be held, but the clerk of said board shall publish once in a legal newspaper published in the county the annual report required by law to be made *by the district treasurer*.

When not otherwise provided in this act, the school board of any such county district shall have and shall exercise all the powers and be subject to the same laws and regulations as boards of ten or more townships districts, and all laws applicable to ten or more townships districts, and all laws applicable to State Aid for Equalizing Educational Opportunities in Unorganized Territory shall apply to said county district including chapter 467, General Laws, 1921."

Approved February 26, 1931.

CHAPTER 32—H. F. No. 179

An act authorizing the exchange of lands acquired under the delinquent tax laws by the state in the Red Lake Game Preserve for lands privately owned within the limits of such preserve and fixing the procedure therefor.

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

Section 1. Exchange of certain lands authorized.—For the purpose of consolidating the holdings of state lands within the limits