act for damages to state lands or timber resulting from the maintenance of the dams in the international boundary waters at International Falls and Kettle Falls, and may execute complete releases of such claims and dismissals of any proceedings based thereon in behalf of the state, in consideration of the conveyancy to the state of the lands approved by the commissioner, situated in the counties bordering on said waters; provided, that no such settlement shall operate to release any future damages sustained by the state from the maintenance or operation of said dams, or to grant or convey any future rights or easements in any state lands affected thereby.

Sec. 2. **Lands to be state forest lands.**—All lands conveyed to the state pursuant to the provisions of this act shall be state forest lands, and shall be governed, operated, managed and controlled in the same manner as other state forests. For said purposes, the commissioner may attach any of said lands to existing state forests, or may operate the same as separate forests, as he may deem expedient.

Sec. 3. **May be exchanged for other lands.**—Any lands conveyed to the state pursuant to the provisions of this act shall be subject to exchange for other lands of the United States or private persons, as may be otherwise provided by law, and subject to such conditions and limitations as may be imposed by law on such exchanges; provided, that none of said lands bordering on said international boundary waters or other lakes or streams shall be so exchanged or otherwise disposed of unless expressly authorized by law.

Approved April 20, 1939.

CHAPTER 344—H. F. No. 1619

An act to validate certain judgments and decrees where jurisdiction has been obtained by publication of summons without recording notice of lis pendens in the office of the register of deeds.

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

Section 1. **Judgments validated in certain cases.**—That in all actions when judgments and decrees have been entered in the district court of this state where jurisdiction of any defendants, including unknown defendants, has been obtained by publication of the summons and notice of lis pendens, and

the notice of lis pendens in such action has not been recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, that nevertheless all such judgments and decrees, when otherwise legal and valid, are hereby made valid and binding upon such defendants and unknown defendants so served by publication, in like manner as if such notice of lis pendens had been filed with the register of deeds prior to publication thereof, as required by law.

Provided, however, that the act This section shall not apply to cases where the judgment and decree has been entered since February 8, 1921, and provided, further, that nothing herein shall apply to or affect any action or proceedings now pending in any court in this state, or any action or proceeding commenced within thirty days after the passage of this act.

Approved April 20, 1939.

CHAPTER 345—H. F. No. 999

An act to regulate elections.

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

PART ONE

Chapter 1

DEFINITIONS

Section 1. **Definitions.**—This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Minnesota Election Law."

Sec. 2. **Definitons.**—The word "election", as used in this act, shall mean and include any election, except those held in any school district, at which the electors of the state or of any subdivision thereof nominate or choose by ballot public officials or decide any public question lawfully submitted to them.

Sec. 3. **Definitions.**—The words "general election", as used in this act, shall mean and include the election provided to be held in the state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November in every even-numbered year.

Sec. 4. **Definitions.**—The words "primary" or "primary election", as used in this act, shall mean an election held for the purpose of deciding by ballot who shall be the nominees for the offices named in this act, or for the election by ballot of delegates to political conventions.