

ing transportation to and from the vocational center for trainees living outside the school district area of the local school district.

Sec. 8. State property distribution. Any property of the state administered by the State Board for Vocational Education in connection with teaching vocational education may be apportioned and distributed by said State Board for Vocational Education to local school districts desiring to avail themselves of the benefits of this act.

Sec. 9. Operation by state teachers college or agricultural school. When certain areas cannot be served by the local school district the Commissioner of Education with the approval of the State Board for Vocational Education may designate some State Teachers College, or State Agricultural School to operate such school.

Sec. 10. Advisory information. The Commissioner of Education and the State Board for Vocational Education shall keep themselves advised by competent authorities representing the various vocational fields.

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CHAPTER 305—H. F. No. 661

An act relating to local option elections in certain counties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1941, Sections 340.25 and 340.26.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 340.25, is hereby amended to read as follows:

340.25. Local option election in counties; petition. Sections 340.25 to 340.40 shall not apply to any county in the state in which is located any city of the first class. When there shall be presented to the auditor of any county within this state a petition signed by any number of the qualified voters thereof equal to or exceeding 25 per cent of the total number of votes cast therein for governor at the last preceding general election, praying that a special election be held in the county to determine (1) whether the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited therein, or (2), in any county

wherein such sale is prohibited, whether the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be permitted within the county through the establishment of municipal liquor stores, the auditor shall forthwith file such petition in his office, and thereafter keep and retain the same as a part of the records and files thereof, and the petition so presented and filed shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated. Every such petition shall be substantially in the form hereinafter provided, and every such petitioner shall, opposite his signature thereto, specify his residence, giving the street and number, if any, and no voter shall sign his name to or withdraw from any such petition after the same has been so presented to the county auditor. The petition shall also contain a written or printed oath to the effect that the petitioner is a legal voter of the county and knows the contents and purpose of the petition and signed the name of his own free will, and each petitioner shall, at the time of signing, be sworn as aforesaid. No signature shall be valid unless the date of the verification of the signer is less than 90 days before the date of its presentation to the county auditor. The petition when so presented may consist of separate petitions fastened together as one document, and containing in the aggregate the number of voters hereinbefore specified.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 340.26 is amended to read as follows:

340.26. Special election. The auditor shall, upon the filing of the petition in his office, forthwith make and file therein an order bearing his signature and his official seal directing the submission to the voters of the county of the question (1) whether the sale of intoxicating liquor shall be prohibited therein, or (2), *whether the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be permitted within the county through the establishment of municipal liquor stores,* at a special election for such purpose, to be held on a Monday occurring not less than 40, nor more than 50, days after such filing of the petition. If the petition is presented to the auditor within 60 days prior to any primary or general election in the county or any regular town or village election therein, then, and in such event, the election to be held hereunder upon the presentation of such petition shall be fixed for a Monday not less than 30, nor more than 40, days subsequent to the primary, general, or regular town or village election. The election shall not be held on the same day as any other regular municipal election. The time during which the holding of such election may be postponed by any obstacle shall not be a part of the time within which the election is hereby required to be held. No election in any

such county under the provisions of section 40.07 shall be ordered or held within three years subsequent to a previous election thereunder in such county, unless such previous election shall have been set aside or adjudged invalid.

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CHAPTER 306—H. F. No. 682

An act relating to the safety of boats used for hire on public waters and providing for the licensing thereof.

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

Section 1. Boats for hire to be licensed. Within 90 days after the passage of this act and each year thereafter prior to May 1st, every person, firm or corporation who shall rent or offer to rent any row boat, outboard motor boat, skiff, canoe or sailboat, or furnish the same with leased or rented cottages or hotel accommodations, for use upon any of the public waters of this state, shall first apply for a license so to do from the director of the division of hotel and resort inspection, upon forms to be furnished by him. No other boat shall thereafter be rented or offered for rent until a similar application therefor shall have been made.

Sec. 2. License fee. The fee for such license shall be 50¢ for each boat specified in section 1.

Sec. 3. Rules and regulations. The director of the division of hotel and resort inspection is hereby empowered and it shall be his duty to prescribe regulations and standards of safety for each type of boat herein enumerated and for the uses to which such boats may be put.

Sec. 4. Inspection by director of hotel and resort division. It shall be the duty of the director of the division of hotel and resort inspection to cause such boats to be inspected upon each application for license, and to see that all boats comply with the standards prescribed. Whenever upon such inspection it shall be found that any boat so inspected does not comply with such standards, it shall thereupon be the duty of the director to notify the owner, proprietor or agent in charge of any such boat to forthwith comply with such standards and with the provisions of this act. A reasonable time may be granted by the director for such compliance.