

eighteen hundred and ninety-four (1894) be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 5532. Contracts. Torts. Property Rights and Liabilities.—Every married woman is bound by her contracts and responsible for her torts, and her property shall be liable for her debts and torts to the same extent as if unmarried. She may make any contract which she could make if unmarried, and shall be bound thereby, except that no conveyance or contract for the sale of her homestead, or any interest therein, shall be valid unless her husband joins with her therein.

Bound by
her contracts
liability.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 18, 1905.

CHAPTER 256.

S. F. No. 259.

An act to amend section 4539 of the General Statutes of 1894, relating to the appointment of testamentary guardians.

Guardians.
Appoint-
ment under
will.

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

SECTION 1. That section 4539 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for the year 1894 be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 4539. The father with the written consent of the mother, and the mother with the written consent of the father, may by will appoint a guardian of their minor children, whether born at the time of making the will or afterwards, to continue during their minority or a less time, and if either parent dies without having appointed a testamentary guardian, the survivor may by will appoint such guardian. Such guardian, within thirty days after probate of the will, or after he has knowledge of his appointment, and in case of appeal within thirty days after final determination of such appeal, shall file with the probate court his acceptance of the trust and give bond to be approved by the court. Thereupon a certificate shall be issued to him, under the hand and seal of the court reciting his appointment by will, his acceptance and qualification. He shall then have the same powers and perform the same duties, with respect to the person and estate of the ward, as a guardian appointed by the probate court. Such guardian shall

Consent of
either
parent.

Probation
of will.

Appoint-
ment, ac-
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at all times be subject to the jurisdiction, direction and orders of the probate court, and may be removed by such court for good cause. If any guardian so appointed by will does not accept the trust and qualify within the time limited, he shall be deemed to have renounced the appointment, and the probate court may then appoint a guardian as in other cases.

Court may
appoint,
when.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 18, 1905.

S. F. No. 349.

CHAPTER 257.

An act to amend section 1 of chapter 173, Laws of 1903, entitled "An act to establish and provide for the maintenance of public libraries and reading rooms; to create a board of library directors and prescribe their powers and duties and to repeal certain acts inconsistent herewith.

Public
libraries.

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

SECTION 1. That section 1 of chapter 173, Laws of 1903, be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. That the city council of any incorporated city, or village council of any incorporated village, shall have power to establish and maintain a public library and reading room, or either of them, for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of such city or village, and by ordinance to set apart for the use and benefit of such library real estate or other public property belonging to the municipality, and may levy a tax not exceeding two (2) mills on the dollar annually, and in cities of over twenty thousand (20,000) inhabitants not to exceed one (1) mill on the dollar annually on all the taxable property in the city; such tax to be levied and collected in like manner with other general taxes of said city or village, and to be known as "library fund." And the board of directors in this chapter provided for shall have power to admit to the benefit of such library persons not residing within the corporate limits of the city or village under such regulations and conditions as it may prescribe. Said board may also contract with the board of county commissioners of the county in which the library is situated, or of adjacent counties, or with the village trustees or

Estab-
lishing.

Levy tax.

Library
benefits to
non-resi-
dents.

Contract
to loan
books to
other mu-
nicipalities.