

CHAPTER 313.

H. F. No. 279.

An act to amend section 2903 of the General Statutes of 1894 relating to the formation and incorporation of co-operative associations.

Co-operative
ass'ns.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2903 of the General Statutes of 1894 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 2903. A co-operative association may be formed for the purpose of engaging in any lawful mercantile, manufacturing, agricultural or rural telephone business. Its certificate of incorporation shall be filed for record with the register of deeds of the county of its principal place of business, and thereupon it shall become a corporation. A majority of the incorporators that reside in this state shall be residents of the county of its principal place of business, and its duration without renewal shall not exceed twenty (20) years.

Class of
business.

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

Approved April 19, 1905.

CHAPTER 314.

H. F. No. 673.

An act to provide for the establishment and maintenance of county schools of agriculture and domestic economy.

County
schools of
agriculture
and domestic
economy.

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

SECTION 1. The board of county commissioners of any county is hereby authorized to appropriate money for the organization, equipment and maintenance of a county school of agriculture and domestic economy, and to levy and spread on the tax roll a sufficient sum to carry into effect the several provisions of this act, but not exceeding the sum of twenty thousand dollars (20,000) in any one year. The county commissioners of two or more counties may unite in establishing such a school, and may appropriate money for its organization, equipment and maintenance. *Provided*, that this act shall not apply to any county in this state unless the authority thereof shall be granted to such board of county commissioners by a vote of the electors of such county, which question

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shall be submitted to such electors at the general or special election, to be held in such county. When submitted at a special election, such special election shall be called and held in the manner provided by law for calling and holding special county elections. The board of county commissioners may, of their own motion, submit such question to the electors of their county, and shall so submit the same whenever a petition is filed with such board, signed by legal voters of such county equal in number to fifteen per cent of the votes cast in such county at the last preceding general election held in such county. The votes cast at any such election shall be counted and canvassed in the manner provided by law for counting and canvassing votes cast at general elections in such county.

County
school
board,
duties, mem-
bership.

SEC. 2. A board to be known as the county school board is hereby created, which shall have charge and control of all matters pertaining to the organization, equipment and maintenance of such school, except as otherwise provided by law. Said board shall consist of three (3) members, one of whom shall be the county superintendent of schools of the county or district in which the school is located. The other members of the board shall be elected by the board of county commissioners for the term of three (3) years from the date of their election, but no member of the board of county commissioners shall be eligible. Vacancies existing in the board from whatever cause, except in the case of the county superintendent, shall be filled by appointment made by the board of county commissioners at their next regular or special meeting. Each person appointed or created a member of the county school board shall within ten (10) days after the notice of such appointment, take and subscribe an oath, to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Minnesota, and honestly, faithfully and impartially to discharge his duties as a member of said board, to the best of his ability, which oath shall be filed in the office of the county auditor. He shall also, within the same time, file a bond in such sum as may be fixed by the board of county commissioners, which bond shall be filed in the office of the county auditor. Within fifteen (15) days after the appointment of said school board, the members thereof shall meet and organize by electing one of their number as president. The county superintendent of schools shall be ex-officio secretary of said board. The said school board shall pre-

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schools
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of board.

scribe the duties of the several officers, except as fixed by law. The members of such school board shall receive no compensation except their actual expense while going to and from and while attending the meetings of the county school board.

SEC. 3. Whenever two or more counties unite in establishing such a school, the provisions of section two (2) of this act shall apply to the organization of the county school board, and to filling vacancies therein, *provided* that the county superintendent of the county in which the school is located shall be a member of the board and ex-officio its secretary, and two members shall also be elected from each county by the board of county commissioners thereof. But no member of the board of county commissioners shall be eligible.

Two or
more coun-
ties uniting.

SEC. 4. Whenever two or more counties unite in establishing and maintaining such a school, the county school board provided for in such cases shall determine the amount of money necessary for the equipment and maintenance of the school for the second year, and annually each year thereafter; they shall apportion the amount to be raised by taxation among the counties in proportion to the assessed valuation of each county, as last fixed by the state board of assessment, and shall report to the county auditor of each county the apportionment so made on or before the regular July meeting in each year. The amount so apportioned to each county shall be levied in the county tax for the ensuing year for the support of the school.

SEC. 5. The county treasurer shall be ex-officio treasurer of said board; and all moneys appropriated and expended under the provisions of this act shall be expended by the county school board, and shall be paid by the county treasurer or treasurers on orders issued by said school board and all moneys received as gifts or otherwise by said school board shall be paid to the county treasurer for the fund of the county school board.

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treasurer.

SEC. 6. In all county schools of agriculture and domestic economy organized under the provisions of this act, instruction shall be given in the elements of agriculture, including instruction concerning the soil, the plant life, and the animal life of the farm; a system of farm accounts shall also be taught; instruction shall also be given in manual training and domestic economy, and such other subjects as may be prescribed.

Instruction.

Land for
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ments, etc.

SEC. 7. Each of such schools shall have connected with it a tract of land suitable for purposes of experiment and demonstration, and not less than ten (10) acres in area; but any donation of land or equipment shall be turned over to said school board for the benefit of such school, and shall thereafter be the property of the county in which such school is located or in case two or more counties having contributed in establishing such schools and maintaining the same then in that case it shall belong to such counties jointly.

Free to in-
habitants of
county.

SEC. 8. The schools organized under the provisions of this act shall be free to inhabitants of the county or counties contributing to their support, who shall be qualified to pursue the course of study prescribed, *provided* they shall have at least the qualifications required for completion of the course of study for common schools. Whenever students of advanced age desire admission to the school during the winter months in sufficient number to warrant the organization of special classes for their instruction, such classes shall be organized and continued for such time as their attendance may make necessary.

Special
course.

State supt.
and dean of
agricultural
college to
give aid.

SEC. 9. The state superintendent shall give such information and assistance and establish such requirements as may seem necessary for the proper organization and maintenance of such schools. With the advice of the dean of the college of agriculture of the state university, he shall prescribe the courses of study to be pursued, and determine the qualifications required of teachers employed in such schools. He shall have the general supervision of all schools established under this act; shall from time to time inspect the same, make such recommendations relating to their management as he may deem necessary, and make such report thereon as shall give full information concerning their number, character and efficiency.

Notice of
establishing,
given Supt.
of State.

SEC. 10. Whenever any county or counties have either severally or jointly decided to establish, equip and maintain a school as prescribed by this act, and have levied money for that purpose and have appointed a county school board, such school board or boards shall give notice of that fact to the state superintendent, and the first two school boards giving such notice shall have the first chance of obtaining for such school state aid, as herein provided, but on condition that, any school established under the provisions of this act, whose courses of study and qualifications of whose teachers have been

State aid,
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approved by the state superintendent and the dean of the college of agriculture may, upon application, be placed upon an approved list of county schools of agriculture and domestic economy. A school once entered upon such list may remain listed and be entitled to state aid so long as the scope and character of its work are maintained in such manner as to meet the approval of the state superintendent; *provided* that he shall not place upon said list more than two (2) schools. On the first day of July in each year, the secretary of each county school board maintaining a school on the approved list, shall report to the state superintendent, setting forth the facts relating to the cost of maintaining the school, the character of the work done, the number and names of teachers employed and such other matters as may be required by the county school board or the state superintendent. Upon receipt of such report, if it shall appear that the school has been maintained in a satisfactory manner for a period of not less than eight (8) months, during the year closing on or before the thirtieth (30th) day of the preceding June, the state superintendent shall make a certificate to that effect and file it with the state auditor, and such county shall thereupon be entitled to such an amount of state aid as may be prescribed by law or which may be hereafter appropriated.

SEC. 11. All acts or parts of acts conflicting with any of the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from any after its passage.

Approved April 19, 1905.

CHAPTER 315.

H. F. No. 245.

An act to pension citizen-soldiers of Minnesota, who participated in the Indian massacre of 1862.

Massacre
of 1862.

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

SECTION 1. Any and all persons, citizens and residents of the State of Minnesota, who rendered active service, bore arms, or otherwise rendered efficient aid and suffered any disabilities in the Indian massacre of 1862, from August fifteenth to September fifteenth, in the year 1862, according to the reports and files of the adjutant general's office in this state, or upon due proof of services as aforesaid, shall be and is hereby declared to be entitled