

CHAPTER 325.

H. F. No. 612.

An act to amend section 7999, General Statutes of 1894, relating to the protection of keepers of lodging houses, boarding houses and inns, and providing for a penalty for defrauding them.

Protection of hotel, etc., keepers.

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

SECTION 1. That section 7999 of the General Statutes of the State of Minnesota for the year 1894 be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows :

"Section 7999. A person who obtains any food or accommodation at any inn, hotel, lodging house or boarding house, without paying therefor, with intent to defraud the proprietor or manager thereof, or who obtains credit at any inn, hotel, lodging house or boarding house, by or through any false pretense, or who after obtaining credit and accommodation at an inn, hotel, lodging house or boarding house, absconds and surreptitiously removes his baggage therefrom without paying for his food and accommodation is guilty of a misdemeanor," and the proprietor or manager of any such inn, hotel, boarding or lodging house, shall have a lien on any baggage or effects of any such person, in his possession for the amount due and unpaid for food or lodging so fraudulently obtained.

Crime of defrauding such keepers defined.

Lien on baggage.

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 19, 1905.

CHAPTER 326.

H. F. No. 309.

An act to provide for an optional plan for counties to consolidate the rural schools, to provide for the organization and government of consolidated rural schools, and to provide for the transportation of pupils at public expense.

Rural schools. Consolidation.

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

SECTION 1. The board of county commissioners of any county in the state may, and upon petition of 25 per cent of the resident freeholders living on farms thereof shall organize a commission consisting of seven members as follows: Four members of the board of county

Rural school consolidation commission, creation and membership.

commissioners chosen by said board, the county superintendent of schools, one member to be appointed by the county auditor and one member to be appointed by the state superintendent of public instruction, said commission to be known as the _____ county rural school consolidation commission. The board of county commissioners shall provide for the reasonable expenses of said consolidation commission.

Officers,
duties.

SEC. 2. Said consolidation commission shall organize by selecting a chairman and a secretary from their number and shall proceed to formulate a plan for redistricting the school districts of the county so as to provide for the consolidation of rural schools into larger districts, approximating areas four to six miles square, and shall provide for publishing a map and statement showing the proposed plan to the people of the county; *provided*, that the said districts shall be formed in such a manner and the proposed consolidated school shall be located at such places as shall make it most convenient for the transportation of pupils to and from their homes.

Consolidated
school con-
veniently
located.

Agreement
between
districts, in
adjacent
county, cost
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struction.

SEC. 3. Said consolidation commission may recognize, or it may assist in making an agreement between, for the first part, any district under its jurisdiction, the boundaries of which it shall define; and for the second part, any adjacent county or any school district in an adjacent county, to the effect that the school district of the first part shall transport its pupils to the school supported by the farm school district of the second part, and shall pay said district of the second part for the actual cost of the instruction of the pupils from the district of the first part, and the district of the second part shall furnish instruction to pupils of the district of the first part, for an equitable and just consideration.

Election to
decide as to
adoption of
consolida-
tion, notices,
etc., ballot,
returns.

SEC. 4. Said consolidation commission shall call an election of all the electors in each and every township in the county for the purpose of deciding whether the county redistricting plan as presented shall be adopted; the date for said election shall be the same for all townships and shall not be earlier than thirty (30) days after the call is issued and the plans are published in the leading papers of said county; said consolidation commission shall provide for the election to be held at the usual places for holding township elections in the respective townships; said consolidation commission shall cause notice of said election to be posted in ten of the most pub-

lic places in each township at least ten days before said election; said election shall be by ballot marked, "For the consolidation of rural schools," or "Against the consolidation of rural schools," the voter to place a cross after the line which he chooses and said commission shall provide printed ballots and shall immediately make up the vote, for and against the proposed plan, and send the same sealed, to the county superintendent, who, upon receiving the vote from each and all townships of said county shall call the consolidation commission together to count the votes and announce the decision of the respective boards of rural schools.

SEC. 5. If it shall appear from these several reports that of the electors present and voting a majority voted in favor of the proposed redistricting plan, the said consolidation commission shall give to each consolidated district in the county a number and name, which, together with the name of the nearest postoffice, shall serve as a postal address, and shall certify to the county auditor that such plan has been adopted, with descriptions of the outlines of the new districts organized, and the numbers and names which have been given to the respective districts. These facts shall be made a part of the records of said auditor's office.

SEC. 6. In case the vote for consolidation carries, the county superintendent of schools shall, within thirty (30) days after the commission announces the decision, cause notices to be posted in ten (10) of the most public places in each newly organized district, and shall cause to be published at county expense in one or more newspapers in the county, notices requesting the electors thereof to assemble at some specified time and place for the purpose of electing a board of school trustees and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting. These notices shall be posted at least ten (10) days prior to the date of such meeting. The officers of the several original districts shall continue to exercise their respective rights and duties until the organization of the new boards of school trustees, as provided by law.

SEC. 7. Sections six (6) and seven (7) of chapter two hundred sixty-two (262) of the Laws of 1901, relating to the consolidation of districts and transportation of pupils, not inconsistent with this act, shall apply to all consolidated rural schools.

Duties of commission where proposition carried, record of report.

Co. supt. of schools to cause notices posted and published, calling meeting of electors for electing of trustees and other business.

Officers of original districts.

Former laws applicable.

School property how sold or disposed of, appraisal, etc.

SEC. 8. Where old districts owning school property are so divided that the school property owned by said districts belongs in part to more than one new district, the chairman of said boards of directors of consolidated rural school districts shall constitute a board of appraisalment to award the proportion of such value to each district and to provide for the sale or disposal of the same and to give to each district its just share, and where such old district has an indebtedness the board of appraisalment shall be constituted in the same manner to determine the proportions of said debt which shall be assumed by each consolidated district. In case such board of appraisalment cannot agree, it shall place the decision in the hands of the board of county commissioners, and the decision of said board shall be final.

Powers of board of directors defined.

SEC. 9. The board of directors of consolidated rural school districts shall have the power to sell or move any school building owned by the district, to sell any land or apparatus not needed, and to purchase not more than ten acres of land for said school site. The said board of directors of consolidated rural schools shall be empowered to erect such buildings and to furnish such equipments as are necessary for the proper operation of said school, and for purchases and other expenditures as provision may be made by them according to law.

Salary of Co. supt. of schools.

SEC. 10. For the purpose of determining the salary of the county superintendent in any county, each district or part of a district united in forming the consolidated rural school shall be counted the same as before the consolidation was made.

Maintenance and support.

SEC. 11. For the purpose of maintenance and support, the consolidated rural school shall be in the same class, governed by the same laws, not inconsistent with this act, and administered in the same way, as the state graded schools.

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

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