

Nothing in this act shall repeal or in any way affect the provisions of Chapter 254, Laws 1911.

Sec. 92. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 15, 1913.

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CHAPTER 236—S. F. No. 7.

*An Act to amend Section 5171 of the Revised Laws of 1905, relating to peace officers.*

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

Section 1. **Females may be appointed police officers and detectives.**—That Section 5171 of the Revised Laws of nineteen hundred and five be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

“Section 5171. Every state or municipal officer who shall appoint, swear in, or allow any person to act as policeman, special policeman, constable, special constable, patrolman, militiaman, or otherwise as a peace officer, for the purpose of bearing arms or maintaining the peace, or as a detective, spy, or secret agent, with authority to bear arms and make arrests, and every person acting in any such capacity before he shall have become a legal voter of the state, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor; *provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be held to prohibit the appointment of females who are qualified voters under Section Eight of Article Seven of the Constitution of Minnesota, to be police women, special police women, or detectives, in any incorporate city when the same shall be authorized by the governing body thereof.*”

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

Approved April 11, 1913.

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CHAPTER 237—S. F. No. 54.

*An Act relating to the title to property acquired by any woman in her own name during any period of time in which she shall have been or may hereafter be legally separated from her husband and relating to the conveyance thereof, and declaring conveyances of any such property heretofore made valid.*

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

Section 1. **Property may be held, acquired and transferred by wife during separation from husband.**—That all property, real

and personal, acquired by any woman in her own name during any period of time in which she shall have been or may hereafter be legally separated from her husband by a decree of any court of this state, shall be and remain her separate property during the continuance of such separation and any such real property may be conveyed by her without her husband joining in the deed of conveyance and all such property may be conveyed, sold and disposed of by her without her husband joining with her in the conveyance thereof, and any and all conveyances of such property heretofore made are hereby declared legal and valid and the same and all such are declared valid, provided, that nothing in this act contained shall apply to any action or proceedings now pending in any court in this state.

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 11, 1913.

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#### CHAPTER 238—S. F. No. 81.

*An Act to create a division for the deaf in the bureau of labor and prescribing the duties thereof.*

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

Section 1. **Division for deaf created in bureau of labor.**—There shall be created in the bureau of labor a division devoted to the deaf.

Sec. 2. **Labor commissioner to appoint chief of bureau—Duties of latter.**—The commissioner of labor shall appoint a competent man to take charge of such division who shall devote his time to the special work of labor for the deaf, under the supervision of the commissioner. He shall collect statistics of the deaf, ascertain what trades or occupations are most suitable for them, and best adapted to promote their interest, and shall use his best efforts to aid them in securing such employment as they may be fitted to engage in.

He shall keep a census of the deaf and obtain facts, information and statistics as to their condition in life with a view to the betterment of their lot. He shall endeavor to obtain statistics and information of the condition of labor and employment and education of the deaf in other states with a view to promoting the general welfare of the deaf of this state.

Sec. 3. **To be known as chief of bureau.**—He shall be designated as chief of the bureau of labor for the deaf.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 11, 1913.