

such sales, as paid from time to time shall be apportioned and distributed by the county auditor and treasurer less expenses of appraisal and sale, at the time of and with the next apportionment and distribution of taxes, among the taxing districts interested in each said parcel of land, in the proportions above provided.

Sec. 6. State and municipalities may purchase land.—The State of Minnesota, or any taxing district within whose boundaries any such parcel of land is situated when otherwise authorized by law for any public purpose, may purchase any such parcel of land at any sale provided for in Section 4 hereof, in the same manner and on the same terms and conditions as a private purchaser.

Sec. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 5, 1927.

CHAPTER 120—H. F. No. 854

An act relating to real property conveyed to a grantee in his official capacity or as trustee.

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

Section 1. Property conveyed to officer of church to become church property.—Whenever it shall be made to appear to any District Court of this State that prior to the year 1907 real property was conveyed to a bishop, or a right reverend bishop, or an archbishop, or a most reverend archbishop of any religious denomination or church in his official capacity as bishop and to his successors in office, or as trustee under an oral or written trust for any incorporated or unincorporated society, body, association, or congregation in this State, whether said grantee is designated as trustee in the conveyance or not, and the consideration therefor was paid by said society, body, association, or congregation, and at the time of said conveyance said religious denomination or church had its central or supreme government in a foreign country or nation and was the state church of said foreign country or nation, and thereafter the form of government of said foreign country or nation was changed and said religious denomination or church ceased to be the state church thereof, and the record title to said real property is in the name of said grantee or his successor in office, and said society, body, association, or congregation, whether incorporated or not, is in possession of said real property and has been in possession thereof for a period

of ten or more years under a claim of ownership, said District Court shall, in an action brought by said society, body, association, or congregation, make a decree vesting the title, both legal and equitable, to said real property in said society, body, association, or congregation; provided that any such society, body, or congregation which is now unincorporated shall become incorporated under the laws of this State prior to the commencement of said action.

Sec. 2. Actions.—Actions under this act shall be brought in the same manner as actions to quiet title to real property in this State, as provided in Chapter 82 of General Statutes 1923.

Sec. 3. The provisions of this act shall not apply to or affect any action now pending in any of the courts of this State.
Approved April 5, 1927.

CHAPTER 121—S. F. No. 86

An act fixing the salaries of County Attorneys, and providing for office rooms and stenographic help therefor, in certain counties.

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

Section 1. Salary of County Attorney in certain counties.—In each county of this state now or hereafter having an area of more than 2,500 square miles and a population of more than 23,000 inhabitants, according to the last preceding federal or state census, and an assessed valuation of more than \$20,000,000 and less than \$50,000,000, the county attorney shall receive an annual salary of \$3,600.00, to be paid in equal monthly installments out of the county treasury upon the warrant of the county auditor, in the same manner as other county officers are paid.

Sec. 2. Stenographic help.—Said county attorney shall be provided by the county with adequate office room or rooms for the performance of his duties, and may employ stenographic help, to be paid by the county, not to exceed \$1,200 per year, payable to the person entitled thereto, in monthly installments, upon warrant of the county auditor, to be issued upon order of the county attorney, accompanied by his certificate that the service has been rendered. No allowance for stenographic help shall be made or received in any case except for services actually rendered. An appeal may be taken to the district court as in case of claims if there be excessive or inadequate provision for office rooms.

Sec. 3. Inconsistent acts repealed.—All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.