

Nineteen Hundred Thirty-One  
Supplement

to

# Mason's Minnesota Statutes

(1927 thru 1931)

Containing the text of the acts of the 1929 and 1931 Sessions of the  
Legislature, both new and amendatory, and notes showing repeals,  
together with annotations from the various courts, state  
and federal, construing the constitution, statutes,  
charters and court rules of Minnesota



Edited by  
WILLIAM H. MASON, Editor-in-Chief  
W. H. MASON, JR., Assistant Editor

CITER-DIGEST CO.  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA  
1931

ten or printed thereon in like manner the word "duplicate" followed by the date of issue and the signature or facsimile signature of the state treasurer. (Act Apr. 15, 1929, c. 192, §2.)

**§125-9. Delivery to owner—Bond.**—Such duplicate obligation when executed shall be delivered by the state treasurer to the owner of the original obligation, his guardian the representative of his estate, provided such owner, guardian or representative shall first file with the state treasurer a bond in the full amount of such obligation and unpaid interest to maturity, with sufficient sureties, approved by the same authority as state depository bonds, indemnifying the state of Minnesota against any loss thereon by reason of the existence of the original obligation or any coupon thereto attached, unless such bond is waived as hereinafter provided, and provided such owner, guardian or representative shall furnish satisfactory proof to the state treasurer that such original obligation and coupons have not been found or presented for payment up to the time of such delivery, and if any thereof have been found or presented, duplicates shall be delivered only of such as have not been found or presented. A record of the issuance and delivery of each such duplicate obligation and attached coupons shall be made by the state treasurer and shall be forthwith reported by him to the state auditor, who shall also make

a record of the same. Such duplicate obligations and coupons, when issued and delivered as hereinbefore provided, shall have the same force and effect as the originals. (Act Apr. 15, 1929, c. 192, §3.)

**§125-10. Bond may be cancelled after six years.**—The authority empowered to approve the indemnity bond required by Section 3 of this act may waive such bond, in its discretion, at any time six years after the date of the maturity of such lost, destroyed or stolen bond, certificate of indebtedness, or other written obligation of the state, in any special case where it deems that the person entitled to a duplicate is unable to furnish such indemnity bond without hardship and that it is improbable that the original obligation will ever be found or presented for payment. Such waiver shall be certified to the state treasurer. (Act Apr. 15, 1929, c. 192, §4.)

**§126. Board of Relief—Etc.**

This act does not authorize the State Board of Relief to take a note for seed grain furnished by the state to a farmer without such grain or means to procure it, because of the excessive floods which occurred in Marshall county in the year 1919. 172M344, 215NW510.

By receiving the grain from the State and by giving his note therefor, defendant held not to have become estopped from denying liability on the note. 172M344, 215NW510.

Act creating Lincoln-Lyon tornado relief commission, defining powers respecting relief to tornado swept district. Laws 1931, c. 130.

## CHAPTER 5 Judicial Department

### SUPREME COURT

**§132. Writs—Process.**

Deduction of inheritance tax because of disallowance of claims against estate cannot be reached by certiorari. 179M233, 228NW920.

Appeal and not mandamus is proper remedy to compel making of findings of fact. 180M580, 230NW472.

### DISTRICT COURT

**§154. Jurisdiction.**

Act of president of a national bank in receiving money of another and misapplying it was a violation of a federal statute (Mason's Code, Tit. 12, §592), and he could not be prosecuted in state court for grand larceny. 171M466, 214NW279.

District court has jurisdiction of action by nonresident against foreign corporation based on federal Employers' Liability Act, and it is the duty of such court to assume jurisdiction. 180M52, 230NW457.

District court, in equity suit, had jurisdiction to determine whether widow had elected to take under will. 180M134, 230NW575.

Court in Minnesota may grant injunctions by default against the prosecuting of a cross-action in Texas in a case therein to foreclose a mortgage on Texas land, all parties being domiciled in Minnesota. Child v. H., 236NW202. See Dun. Dig. 1554(29).

**§156. Writs.**

The position of general superintendent and engineer of the water department of the city of St. Paul is an employment and not an office, and quo warranto does not lie to determine the right to hold it. 174M410, 219NW760.

Quo warranto to test right of corporate directors to act. 180M486, 231NW197.

**§162. Times for holding general terms.**

#### Seventh Judicial District

The general terms of the District Court in the several counties constituting the Seventh Judicial District of the State of Minnesota shall be held at the time herein prescribed, as follows:

In Becker County, on the third Monday in March, and the fourth Monday in September.

In Benton County, on the first Monday in March, and the third Monday in September.

In Clay County, on the second Monday in May, and the first Monday in December.

In Douglas County, on the first Monday in March and the third Monday in September.

In Mille Lacs County, on the first Monday in April, and the second Monday in October.

In Morrison County, on the second Monday in May, and the first Monday in December.

In Otter Tail County, on the second Monday in May and the first Monday in December.

In Stearns County, on the second Monday in May and the first Monday in December.

In Todd County, on the fourth Monday in March, and the second Monday in October.

In Wadena County, on the first Monday in

ten or printed thereon in like manner the word "duplicate" followed by the date of issue and the signature or facsimile signature of the state treasurer. (Act Apr. 15, 1929, c. 192, §2.)

**§125-9. Delivery to owner—Bond.**—Such duplicate obligation when executed shall be delivered by the state treasurer to the owner of the original obligation, his guardian the representative of his estate, provided such owner, guardian or representative shall first file with the state treasurer a bond in the full amount of such obligation and unpaid interest to maturity, with sufficient sureties, approved by the same authority as state depository bonds, indemnifying the state of Minnesota against any loss thereon by reason of the existence of the original obligation or any coupon thereto attached, unless such bond is waived as hereinafter provided, and provided such owner, guardian or representative shall furnish satisfactory proof to the state treasurer that such original obligation and coupons have not been found or presented for payment up to the time of such delivery, and if any thereof have been found or presented, duplicates shall be delivered only of such as have not been found or presented. A record of the issuance and delivery of each such duplicate obligation and attached coupons shall be made by the state treasurer and shall be forthwith reported by him to the state auditor, who shall also make

a record of the same. Such duplicate obligations and coupons, when issued and delivered as hereinbefore provided, shall have the same force and effect as the originals. (Act Apr. 15, 1929, c. 192, §3.)

**§125-10. Bond may be cancelled after six years.**—The authority empowered to approve the indemnity bond required by Section 3 of this act may waive such bond, in its discretion, at any time six years after the date of the maturity of such lost, destroyed or stolen bond, certificate of indebtedness, or other written obligation of the state, in any special case where it deems that the person entitled to a duplicate is unable to furnish such indemnity bond without hardship and that it is improbable that the original obligation will ever be found or presented for payment. Such waiver shall be certified to the state treasurer. (Act Apr. 15, 1929, c. 192, §4.)

#### §126. Board of Relief—Etc.

This act does not authorize the State Board of Relief to take a note for seed grain furnished by the state to a farmer without such grain or means to procure it, because of the excessive floods which occurred in Marshall county in the year 1919. 172M344, 215NW510.

By receiving the grain from the State and by giving his note therefor, defendant held not to have become estopped from denying liability on the note. 172M344, 215NW510.

Act creating Lincoln-Lyon tornado relief commission, defining powers respecting relief to tornado swept district. Laws 1931, c. 130.

## CHAPTER 5 Judicial Department

### SUPREME COURT

#### §132. Writs—Process.

Deduction of inheritance tax because of disallowance of claims against estate cannot be reached by certiorari. 179M233, 228NW920.

Appeal and not mandamus is proper remedy to compel making of findings of fact. 180M580, 230NW472.

### DISTRICT COURT

#### §154. Jurisdiction.

Act of president of a national bank in receiving money of another and misapplying it was a violation of a federal statute (Mason's Code, Tit. 12, §592), and he could not be prosecuted in state court for grand larceny. 171M466, 214NW279.

District court has jurisdiction of action by nonresident against foreign corporation based on federal Employers' Liability Act, and it is the duty of such court to assume jurisdiction. 180M52, 230NW457.

District court, in equity suit, had jurisdiction to determine whether widow had elected to take under will. 180M134, 230NW575.

Court in Minnesota may grant injunctions by default against the prosecuting of a cross-action in Texas in a case therein to foreclose a mortgage on Texas land, all parties being domiciled in Minnesota. Child v. H., 236NW202. See Dun. Dig. 1554(29).

#### §156. Writs.

The position of general superintendent and engineer of the water department of the city of St. Paul is an employment and not an office, and quo warranto does not lie to determine the right to hold it. 174M410, 219NW760.

Quo warranto to test right of corporate directors to act. 180M486, 231NW197.

#### §162. Times for holding general terms.

##### Seventh Judicial District

The general terms of the District Court in the several counties constituting the Seventh Judicial District of the State of Minnesota shall be held at the time herein prescribed, as follows:

In Becker County, on the third Monday in March, and the fourth Monday in September.

In Benton County, on the first Monday in March, and the third Monday in September.

In Clay County, on the second Monday in May, and the first Monday in December.

In Douglas County, on the first Monday in March and the third Monday in September.

In Mille Lacs County, on the first Monday in April, and the second Monday in October.

In Morrison County, on the second Monday in May, and the first Monday in December.

In Otter Tail County, on the second Monday in May and the first Monday in December.

In Stearns County, on the second Monday in May and the first Monday in December.

In Todd County, on the fourth Monday in March, and the second Monday in October.

In Wadena County, on the first Monday in

March, and the third Monday in September. (As amended Apr. 6, 1931, c. 117, §1.)

#### Ninth Judicial District

The general terms of the district court in the several counties constituting the Ninth Judicial District of the State of Minnesota shall be held at the time herein prescribed, as follows:

**Brown County:** On the third Monday in May and the fourth Monday in November.

**Lincoln County:** On the fourth Monday in March and the fourth Monday in September.

**Lyon County:** on the fourth Monday in April and the third Monday in November.

**Nicollet County:** On the first Tuesday in May and the second Tuesday in October.

**Redwood County:** On the second Monday in April and the fourth Monday in October.

**Sec. 2. Effective March 1, 1931.**—This act shall take effect and be in force from and after March 1, 1931. (As amended Mar. 9, 1931, c. 50, §1.)

#### Thirteenth Judicial District

The general terms of the district court shall be held each year in the several counties constituting the Thirteenth Judicial District of the State of Minnesota at the times herein prescribed as follows: In Cottonwood County on the second Tuesday in June and the second Tuesday in November; in Murray County on the second Tuesday in April and the second Tuesday in December; in Nobles County on the second Tuesday in February and the second Tuesday in October; in Pipestone County on the second Tuesday in January and the second Tuesday in May; and in Rock County on the second Tuesday in March and the second Tuesday in September. (As amended Jan. 22, 1929, c. 3.)

#### Fourteenth Judicial District

The general terms of the District Court in the several counties constituting the Fourteenth Judicial District of the State of Minnesota shall be held, each year, at the times herein prescribed as follows:

**Pennington County:** On the second Tuesday in January, and the second Monday in June.

**Mahnomen County:** On the fourth Monday in May.

**Kittson County:** On the fourth Monday in March, and the second Monday in November.

**Roseau County:** On the second Monday in April, and the fourth Monday in October.

**Marshall County:** On the first Monday in May, and the fourth Monday in November.

**Norman County:** On the third Monday in May, and the fourth Monday in October.

**Polk County:** On the first Monday in June, and the first Monday after the first day of January.

**Red Lake County:** On the second Monday in April, and the second Monday in October. (Act Jan. 17, 1929, c. 2; Apr. 21, 1931, c. 285, §1.)

**Sec. 2 of Act Apr. 21, 1931, c. 285,** repeals inconsistent acts. **Sec. 3** provides that the act shall take effect from and after Aug. 1, 1931.

#### Seventeenth Judicial District

The general terms of the district court, to be held each year in the several counties constituting the seventeenth judicial district, of the State of Minnesota, shall be held commencing on the day hereinafter described, as follows, to-wit:

In Jackson county on the second Monday in February and the second Monday in September.

In Martin county, on the second Monday in March and the second Monday in October.

In Faribault county, on the second Monday in April and the second Monday in November. (Act Feb. 13, 1929, c. 16, §1.)

**Sec. 2 of Act Feb. 13, 1929, c. 16,** repeals Laws 1921, c. 174, and all inconsistent acts. **Sec. 3** provides that the act shall be in force on and after June 1, 1929.

**§164. Eleventh Judicial District—St. Louis County.**—In addition to the general terms of the district court held at the county seat of St. Louis County as now provided by law, general terms of the district court for the county of St. Louis are hereby established, to be held in the city of Virginia, in said county, on the first Tuesday in April, on the second Tuesday in September, and on the first Tuesday in December, in each year, and in the village of Hibbing, in said county, on the first Tuesday in February, on the third Tuesday in May, and on the fourth Tuesday in October in each year, and at the city of Ely, in said county, on the first Tuesday in March and on the first Tuesday in October in each year, for the trial, hearing and determination of all actions, civil and criminal; with the same force and effect as though held at the county seat of said county; and all proceedings of whatsoever kind, that can be heard and determined in the district court of this state, may be tried, heard and determined at the said city of Virginia, the said village of Hibbing, or the said city of Ely with the same force and effect as though held and determined at the county seat of said county.

Provided, that all proceedings for the registration of title to real estate shall be tried at the county seat of said county as now provided by law.

Provided, further, that all other actions to determine title to real estate shall be tried at the county seat of said county, except that by written consent of all the parties thereto any such action may be tried at the said city of Virginia or village of Hibbing, or city of Ely.

Provided, further, that no officer having in his custody any of the public records of St. Louis County shall be required to produce any of said records at the trial of any action herein provided for, save on an order of said court providing for the immediate return of any such records to the proper office. (As amended Mar. 30, 1929, c. 118.)

A party who goes to trial at Virginia in a case involving title to real estate without objection, cannot complain that there was no written consent to trial of a case involving title to real estate. 171M475, 214NW469.

**§166. Same—deputy sheriff and clerk.**—There shall be at all times a chief deputy sheriff of said county and a chief deputy clerk of said district court and such other deputies

as may be necessary, resident at said city of Virginia, or said city of Ely or the village of Hibbing and their appointment shall be made in the same manner as other deputy sheriffs and deputy clerks of the district court in said counties. The salaries of such deputies shall be fixed and paid in the same manner as other such deputies. The office of said deputy sheriff at Virginia, Hibbing and Ely shall not in any sense be considered or deemed the office of the sheriff for any purpose except the performance of his duties relating solely to proceedings tried or to be tried at said places; but the office of said deputy clerk at said places shall be equally deemed the office of the clerk of Court for all purposes except the filing of papers in actions or proceedings to be tried at Duluth. Marriage licenses and naturalization papers may be issued by said deputy clerk. (As amended April 15, 1931, c. 160, §1.)

#### §172. Same—Summons—Place of trial.

—Any party wishing to have any appeal from an order of the Railroad and Warehouse Commission, any election contest, a lien foreclosure, or any civil cause or proceeding of any kind commenced or appealed by him in said Court, tried in said City of Virginia, shall in the summons, Notice of Appeal in such matters, or other jurisdictional instrument issued therein, in addition to the usual provisions, print, stamp or write thereon the words "to be tried at the city of Virginia," and any party wishing any such matter commenced or appealed by him in said Court tried at the Village of Hibbing, shall in the summons, Notice of Appeal in such matters or other jurisdictional instrument issued therein, in addition to the usual provisions, print, stamp or write thereon the words "to be tried at the Village of Hibbing," and any party wishing any such matter commenced or appealed by him in said Court tried at the City of Ely, shall in the summons, Notice of Appeal in such matters, or other jurisdictional instrument issued therein, in addition to the usual provisions, print, stamp or write thereon the words, "to be tried at the City of Ely," and in all cases where any summons, Notice of Appeal in such matters, or other jurisdictional instrument contains any such specifications, the case shall be tried at said City of Virginia or the Village of Hibbing or City of Ely, as the case may be, unless the defendant shall have the place of trial fixed in the manner hereinafter set out.

If the place of trial designated is not the proper place of trial, as specified in this act, the cause shall nevertheless be tried in such place, unless the defendant, in this answer in addition to the other allegations of defense, shall plead the location of his residence, and demand that such action be tried at the place of holding said court nearest his residence as herein provided; and in any case where the answer of the defendant pleads such place of residence and makes such demand of place of trial, the plaintiff in his reply, may admit or deny such allegations of residence, and if such allegations of residence be not expressly denied, such case shall be tried at the place so demanded by the defendant, and if the allegations of residence

be so denied, then, the place of trial shall be determined by the Court on motion.

If there are several defendants, residing at different places in said county, the trial shall be at the place which the majority of such defendants unite in demanding, or if the numbers are equal, at the place nearest the residence of the majority.

Provided, that the venue of any such action may be changed from any one of said places to any other, by order of the Court, in the following cases:

1. Upon written consent of the parties.
2. When it is made to appear, on motion, that any party has been made a defendant for the purpose of preventing a change of venue as provided in this section.
3. When an impartial trial cannot be had in the place where the action is pending; or
4. When the convenience of witnesses and the ends of justice would be promoted by the change.

Application for such change under subdivisions 2, 3, or 4, shall be made by motion which shall be returnable and heard at the place of commencement of the action. (As amended Apr. 18, 1931, c. 195, §1.)

#### §177. Absence of judge—who may act.

Where trial judge has become incapacitated and motion for new trial is heard by another judge, the latter has no power to amend findings of fact but he may amend the conclusions of law and may grant a new trial for the same causes which the trial judge may grant it. 175 M346, 221NW424.

#### §183. Several judges—division of business.

—In districts having more than one judge, the one longest in continuous service, or, if two or more be equal in such service, the one senior in age, shall be the presiding judge thereof. The business of the court may be divided between the judges, and otherwise regulated as they by rule or order shall direct. Each may try court or jury causes separately during the same term and at the same time, or two or more of them may sit together in the trial of any cause or matter before the court. If there be a division of opinion, that of the majority shall prevail. If the division be equal, that of the presiding judge, or, if he be not sitting, that of the judge senior in age, shall prevail. In districts composed of not less than ten counties, the senior judge, at least 30 days before the time appointed by law for the holding of a general term of the court in each county, by order filed in the office of the clerk of the court in that county, shall designate and assign one or more of the judges of such district to preside at the term so appointed, and the clerk forthwith shall mail a copy of such order to each judge of the district. If any judge assigned to hold a term of court as herein provided is incapacitated by illness or otherwise to preside at such term, another judge shall be designated and assigned in like manner to take his place. The same judge shall not be designated or assigned to hold two consecutive general terms in the same county. (As amended Mar. 9, 1931, c. 51.)

## CLERK

**§198. To enter unregistered cases.**

A decree in equity may create a lien independently of this section, and this is true with respect to a decree for the separate maintenance of a wife justifiably living part from her husband. 178M531, 227NW896.

**§200. Vacancy.**

**SALARIES OF CLERKS AND DEPUTIES AND CLERK HIRE IN CERTAIN COUNTIES.**

Laws 1929, c. 69, fixes salary of Clerk of Court at \$2,400 in counties of more than 60 and less than 80 townships with population between 45,000 and 75,000. Sp. Laws 1891, c. 423, is repealed.

Act does not affect right of Clerk of Court to receive and retain the per diem allowed for services on board of audit. Op. Atty. Gen., May 23, 1929.

Duties and compensation in counties of over 380,000 population. See Laws 1923, c. 419, as amended by Laws 1927, c. 125, and Laws 1929, c. 152.

Additional fees allowed clerks for completing records neglected by prior incumbent of office. See Laws 1929, c. 207.

In counties with population between 240,000 and 330,000, clerk's salary is \$4,500; chief deputy, \$2,800; one deputy clerk, \$2,150; one deputy, \$2,050; one deputy, \$1,950; nine deputies, \$1,620, to be increased to \$1,800 after 10 years service; one assignment clerk, \$1,920. See Laws 1929, c. 306, which amends prior statutes.

Laws 1929, c. 341, §2, fixes salary at \$6,500 in counties of 415,000 population or over, but only at \$4,000 if act cannot be held to apply to fees received from federal government.

Counties having population of 380,000 or over, Laws 1929, c. 359, §1 (amending Laws 1925, c. 398, §2, which amended Laws 1923, c. 419, §14, which amended Laws 1921, c. 133, §14), fixes salaries as follows: Chief deputy, \$3,600; head counter deputy, \$2,205; assignment deputy, \$2,700; two deputies, each, \$1,870; one deputy, \$2,060; six deputies, \$1,700 each; 12 deputies, \$1,800 each; two deputies, \$1,600 each; one deputy, \$1,700; one deputy, \$2,200; one deputy, \$2,205; two deputies, \$2,000 each; three deputies, \$1,600 each.

Counties with 41 to 43 congressional townships and population of 25,000 to 30,000, Laws 1929, c. 161, §4, amends §15, c. 91, Laws 1925, and authorizes additional clerk with salary not to exceed \$80 per month.

Counties having area of not more than 23 and not less than 20 congressional townships, and assessed valuation of not more than \$6,000,000, Laws 1931, c. 15, §3, permits clerk to retain \$1,500 out of fees, any deficiency to be paid to him by the county, and fixes his salary at \$800 to be considered as portion of fees. He is also allowed \$200 per annum for clerk hire. Effective Jan. 1, 1931.

Counties of 44 to 45 congressional townships and assessed valuation of \$12,000,000 to \$18,000,000, Laws 1931, c. 192, amends Laws 1921, c. 437, §1, to make amended act applicable to counties as above.

**Laws 1925, c. 5, §3.**

The additional compensation of the clerk cannot be paid until allowance by the county board. Op. Atty. Gen., Jan. 15, 1930.

## STENOGRAPHIC REPORTERS

**§201. Appointment—Duties—Bond.**

Laws 1929, c. 385, amends Laws 1921, c. 460, §5, and fixes salary of court reporters in St. Louis county at \$4,000 and \$10 per day while attending sessions of district court in other counties of the Eleventh Judicial District.

PROBATION AND INVESTIGATION  
DEPARTMENT

**§208-1. Probation and investigation department established.**—There is hereby established in all counties of this state now or

hereafter having a population of more than 415,000 inhabitants and constituting a single judicial district a probation and investigation department in connection with the district court of any such county. (Act Apr. 24, 1929, c. 326, §1.)

**§208-2. Officers and employees.**—Such department shall consist of one chief probation officer and such other probation officers, investigators, clerical help and other employees as the judges of the said court shall from time to time appoint.

Such probation officers, investigators, clerical help and other employees shall be appointed and removed by the judges of the district court in any such county. They may be appointed either for a definite period of time or for an indeterminate period in the discretion of the court. The salaries of all such persons shall be fixed by the judges of said court, subject to approval thereof by the board of county commissioners of such county.

The said judges may by order determine the necessary qualifications of applicants for positions in said department and may in their discretion provide that applicants shall undergo certain tests as to their qualifications.

The chief probation officer shall have general supervision of such department, subject to the direction of the judges of said court. The court may divide the duties of said department into branches or divisions, and appoint from such probation officers or investigators the heads of such branches or divisions. A juvenile division and a division for the administration of the law in reference to the support of dependent children in their own homes may be established distinct from all other divisions of such department. (Act Apr. 24, 1929, c. 326, §2.)

**§208-3. Duties.**—The duties of such department shall be:

(a) To undertake the supervision of all persons placed on probation or parole by any of the judges of said court, to keep accurate records of such supervision, and to report to the court as to such probation or parole as directed by any of the judges of the court.

(b) To be present when court is in session and so directed by any one of said judges.

(c) To perform the duties required of probation officers by the juvenile court act, as contained in Chapter 73A, Mason's Minnesota Statutes 1927.

(d) To assist in administering the law providing for all allowances to mothers of dependent children, and to perform the duties of investigation and supervision, as found in Sections 8671, to 8689, Mason's Minnesota Statutes 1927.

(e) To provide for mental and physical examination of persons coming under the juvenile court law, and to provide for necessary mental, dental, surgical and nursing care for such persons.

(f) To make such investigation as the court may direct concerning the circumstances of the offense, criminal record and social history of any person convicted of crime, and

when deemed appropriate to obtain a physical and mental examination of such defendant and report thereon.

(g) To make collections of support money in divorce actions when ordered by a judge of said court for the benefit of children or indigent mothers and children jointly; to collect money ordered to be paid in desertion and abandonment cases; and to make collections of money or property when ordered to be paid as restitution or reimbursement and to turn over such money or property to the person or persons entitled thereto.

(h) To make investigations in divorce cases of children and home conditions when directed by a judge of said court, and also to exercise supervision over children in such divorce cases as the court may direct.

(i) When directed by a judge of said court and when the person having custody of children is indigent, to take such steps as may be necessary to compel persons ordered to pay money for the support of children when in default; to take such steps as may be necessary to compel persons to make reimbursement to comply with the order of court when in default; to institute, if necessary, contempt proceedings in behalf of such person or persons to whom money or property is ordered to be paid or delivered. It shall be the duty of the county attorney to conduct such contempt proceedings when directed by one of the judges of said court.

(j) To perform such other duties for the protection of children and indigent mothers and children as may be directed by the court. (Act Apr. 24, 1929, c. 326, §3.)

**§208-4. County Board to furnish office room.**—The county commissioners of such county shall provide said department with suitably furnished office rooms, record books, stationery, postage, expenses of investigation and transportation, and such other actual expenses as are required for the proper execution of the purposes of this act. (Act Apr. 24, 1929, c. 326, §4.)

**§208-5. Probation officers—Powers.**—Probation officers shall have the power of peace officers in the execution of their duties. Each probation officer, before entering on the duties of his office shall take an oath of office to be administered by one of the judges making the appointment. Each probation officer or employee who collects or has the custody of money shall execute a bond with appropriate sureties in a penal sum to be fixed by said judges, at the expense of the county, conditioned for the true accounting of all money received by him as probation officer. (Act. Apr. 24, 1929, c. 326, §5.)

**§208-6. Records to be in custody of the court.**—The records of all cases in said office may be withheld from indiscriminate public inspection at the discretion of the judges of said court. (Act Apr. 24, 1929, c. 326, §6.)

**§208-7. Action by majority of judges.**—Any act, order or thing required or permitted to be done by the judges of said court by the provisions hereof may be done by a majority

of said judges. (Act Apr. 24, 1929, c. 326, §7.)

**§208-8. Census governing.**—For the purpose of determining what counties in the state come under the classification contained in this act reference shall be made to the last complete state or national census. (Act Apr. 24, 1929, c. 326, §8.)

**§208-9. Repeal; municipal court.**—All acts or parts of act inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, in so far as they apply to counties affected by this act. In counties in which there is a separate municipal court probation officer, the probation department established by this act is hereby relieved of any of the duties specified in Sections 10910, 10911 and 10912, Mason's Statutes of Minnesota 1927, with references to attendance in municipal courts and with references to representing the interests of minors in said courts. (Act Apr. 24, 1929, c. 326, §9.)

#### SALARIES

**§211. Retirement of supreme court and district court judges.**—When a justice or commissioner of the supreme court or a judge of the district court shall be retired under the provisions of Section 210, General Statutes 1923, as amended by Chapter 337, General Laws 1927, he shall receive the compensation allotted to his office for the remainder of his said term, or, if then past sixty-eight years of age, having served as a judge of the district court and as a justice of commissioner of the Supreme Court, or in any one or more of such capacities, for more than twenty-three years, or if then past seventy-five years of age, having served as judge of the district court for ten or more years and having served as members of Congress, and county attorney, or in any one or more of such capacities, an additional ten or more years, he shall receive the compensation allotted to his office for the remainder of his said term and thereafter he shall receive one-half of the compensation allotted to his office at the time of such retirement for the remainder of his life, to be paid at the time, and the manner provided by law. (As amended Apr. 16, 1929, c. 201; Apr. 26, 1929, c. 408.)

**§211-7. Same—compensation of retired judge.**

Laws 1931, c. 223, provides for retirement pay of supreme court and district judges under certain circumstances. The act is omitted as special and temporary.

**§211-8. Retirement of judges of probate court.**—Whenever a probate judge shall become incapacitated physically or mentally from performing his judicial duties during the remainder of his term of office and shall make a written application to the governor for his retirement, setting forth the nature and extent of such disability, the governor shall make such investigation as he shall deem advisable and if he shall thereby determine that such disability exists, and the public service is suffering and will continue to suffer by reason of such disability, he shall thereupon by written order, to be filed in the office of the secretary of state, direct the

retirement of such judge for the unexpired portion of the term for which such judge was elected, which retirement shall create a vacancy in said office, which shall be filled by appointment, as provided by law. (Act Apr. 20, 1931, c. 253, §1.)

**§211-9. To receive half pay.**—When a judge shall be retired under the provisions of section 1 of this act, he shall receive the compensation allotted to his office for the remainder of his term, or, if then past 70 years of age, having served as such probate judge continually for more than forty years, he shall receive one-half of the compensation allotted to his office at the time of such retirement for the remainder of his life, to be paid at the time and in the manner provided by law. (Act Apr. 20, 1931, c. 253, §2.)

## MUNICIPAL COURTS IN CITIES AND VILLAGES

### §215. Municipal courts.

Municipal Court of Tower, Laws 1929, c. 4. Municipal Court of Minneapolis. Laws 1919, c. 331, §1, relating to salaries of stenographic reporters, is amended by Laws 1929, c. 128. Laws 1929, c. 129, amends Sp. Laws 1889, c. 34, §18, as amended, relating to salaries of judges and clerks.

Municipal Court of Ely. Sp. Laws 1891, c. 59, §19, as amended by Laws 1915, c. 66, is amended by Laws 1929, c. 134. Laws 1931, c. 251, amends Sp. Laws 1891, c. 59, §1.

Municipal Court of Hibbing. Establishment, etc., by Laws 1929, c. 253.

Municipal Court of Duluth. Laws 1923, c. 238, §§20, 48, is amended by Laws 1929, c. 241. Laws 1923, c. 238, §52, as amended by Laws 1925, c. 85, §7, is further amended by Laws 1929, c. 45. Laws 1923, c. 238, §§9, 17, 35, 43, as amended by Laws 1925, c. 85, §5, is further amended by Laws 1931, c. 57.

Municipal Court of Village of Hibbing. Laws 1931, c. 13, amends §§8, 22, 24 of c. 253, Laws 1929.

Municipal Court of St. Paul. Jurisdiction of forcible entry and detainer action under Sp. Laws 1889, c. 351.

A decree in equity may create a lien independently of this section, and this is true with respect to a decree for the separate maintenance of a wife justifiably living apart from her husband. 178M531, 227NW895.

In suit brought on a check, given as cash or earnest money, upon delivery of a contract to convey land, evidence did not involve or raise any issue as to title of land so as to deprive municipal court of city of Minneapolis of jurisdiction. *Little v. D.*, 233NW7. See Dun. Dig. 6906.

Municipal court organized under this section, as it read in 1916, cannot be abolished by the municipality. Op. Atty. Gen., Dec. 10, 1929.

Where municipal court exceeded its jurisdiction and convicted one of unlawfully killing a deer, and on his failing to pay fine confined him in jail, and conviction was held void on habeas corpus, he could be tried again for the offense with which he was charged. Op. Atty. Gen., Feb. 20, 1931.

**§217. Judges—Election—Terms—Salary.**—The judges of such courts shall be elected at the regular city or village elections for the term of four years, beginning on the first Monday of the month next following their election, and until their successors qualify. When a new court is organized more than ninety (90) days prior to a regular election, the governor shall appoint a judge or judges thereof to serve until they are elected and

qualified, and vacancies shall be filled by like appointment for the unexpired term. Provided, that in the absence or disability of the municipal judge and special municipal judge of such court, if there be one, the mayor or president of the council may designate a practicing attorney to sit in place of such municipal judge from day to day. All municipal judges and special municipal judges shall be men learned in the law and residents of the city or village. The salary of each shall be paid monthly by the city or village, and shall be fixed by resolution adopted by a four-fifths majority of the council of such city or village, and approved by the mayor or president and shall not be diminished during his term. Provided, however, that where there shall be a municipal judge and a special municipal judge, the special municipal judge shall act only in the absence or disability of the municipal judge, and receive as compensation therefor an amount per diem to be fixed by the council of such city or village and paid out of the salary of the municipal judge; and provided, further, that any such special municipal judge shall not be prohibited from practicing in the said municipal court or in any other court, but he shall not sit in the trial of any cause or proceeding wherein he may be interested, directly or indirectly, as counsel or attorney, or otherwise. (As amended Apr. 18, 1929, c. 223, §1.)

Sec. 2 of Act Apr. 18, 1929, c. 223, repeals inconsistent acts.

Provision authorizing Governor to fill vacancies by appointment "for the unexpired term" conflicts with Const., art. 6, §10. Vacancy cannot be filled at special election. Op. Atty. Gen., May 23, 1929.

Since amendment by Laws 1929, c. 223, municipal judge of Buhl may act as secretary or treasurer of the school board and be paid a salary for such service. Op. Atty. Gen., July 30, 1930.

### §218. Jurisdiction.

Removal of forcible entry case to district court not warranted by answer putting in issue the title, but there must be evidence putting title in issue. 178M282, 226NW847.

### §221. Criminal jurisdiction—Etc.

A municipal court organized under the general law has no jurisdiction of gross misdemeanors punishable by a fine in excess of \$100, or by imprisonment in excess of three months. *State ex rel. v. Morical*, 234NW453. See Dun. Dig. 6900b(63).

**§223. Clerks and deputies—Process.**—The clerk of each municipal court, and his deputies, shall be appointed by the judge thereof, who may remove any of them at pleasure. If there be two judges, the senior in office shall exercise such power. Every clerk and deputy shall give bond to the state, in at least the sum of \$1,000.00 to be approved by the appointing judge, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his official duties, and for the payment as required by law or by order of the court of all moneys coming into his hands. All process shall be tested in the name of the judge, or the senior in office if there are two, be signed by the clerk, issued under the seal of the court, and be directed for service to any police officer, court officer, marshal or constable of any town, city or village, in the

county, to the sheriff of the county, or all of them. No judge or other officer of such municipal court, excepting the special municipal judge, if any, shall prepare or draw any pleadings or other papers in any civil actions in said municipal court, nor shall they institute, for another, any civil action in such court. (As amended Feb. 21, 1931, c. 23, §1.)

#### §228. Powers and duties—Practice—Rules—Fees.

Right of defendant to appeal after plea of guilty in municipal court. Op. Atty. Gen., Dec. 9, 1930.

#### §229. Costs and disbursements.

Where defendant prevailed on his counterclaim in amount equal to plaintiff's recovery, defendant was entitled to costs. 179M461, 229 NW579(2).

"Costs" refers to disbursements where no statutory costs are involved.—Id.

#### §233. Fees in criminal cases—Etc.

It is not the duty of a city attorney to prosecute violators of state laws within the city limits in justice court, and in assisting in such a prosecution he is not entitled to compensation from the city, but county attorney might allow compensation out of his contingent fund. Op. Atty. Gen., Feb. 18, 1931.

#### §236. Appeals to district court.

The district court is not required to make findings of fact in an appeal upon questions of law alone from judgments of the municipal courts in cities of the class of Worthington. Iowa Mortgage Corp. v. K., 233NW18. See Dun. Dig. 6905.

Defaulting defendant in municipal court was not entitled to notice of entry of judgment as respected time for appeal. Pandolfo v. S., 236 NW483. See Dun. Dig. 486(74).

#### §237. Courts in cities of fourth class, etc.

Judge of municipal court, organized under this section, may also hold the office of member of school board of an independent school district. Op. Atty. Gen., April 15, 1931.

### COURT COMMISSIONER

#### §246. Election—Term of office.

Laws 1929, c. 341, §2 (§997-4), fixes salary at \$3,500 and marriage fees in counties of 415,000 population.

#### §250. Vacancy.

**Editorial note:** This section seems to be superseded by §822, a later enactment, conferring power of appointment to fill vacancy, on the county board.

Section 250, and not section 822, governs an appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of court commissioner. Op. Atty. Gen., Jan., 26, 1931.

## CHAPTER 5A

### Salaries of Certain State Officers and Employees

Act limiting amount which may be paid state officer or employee for use of automobile. Laws 1931, c. 331, §§254-47, 254-48.

#### §252. Amount—Payment.

##### 2. Judicial Department.

**Salary of chief justice, associate justices and commissioners.**—The annual salary of the chief justice of the supreme court shall be \$9,000.00 and that of each associate justice and each commissioner of the supreme court \$8,500.00. (Act Apr. 24, 1929, c. 322, §1.)

The above provision amends this paragraph with respect to the salaries of the chief justice, associate justices, and the commissioners.

##### 6. Office of Attorney General.

**Salary of attorney general and assistants.**—The annual salary of the attorney general is hereby fixed at \$7,000.00 and of the deputy attorney general at \$6,000.00, and of the several assistant attorneys general, other than

the assistant attorney general who is a member of the rural credit bureau, at \$5,000.00. (Act Apr. 25, 1929, c. 382, §1.)

The above provision amends this subdivision "so as to read as" above. As to whether it amends the provisions of the former law which are not embraced in the amendatory act may be open to question.

##### 8. Office of State Librarian.

The salary of the assistant state librarian is hereby fixed at twenty-one hundred dollars annually, payable in semi-monthly installments. (Ex. Sess. '19, c. 31, §1.)

**Explanatory note**—Laws Ex. Sess. 1919, c. 31, §1, impliedly amended Laws Ex. Sess. 1919, c. 30, by increasing the salary of the assistant librarian to the amount above stated.

##### 22. District Court Judges.

Governor attempted to veto this bill but did not return it in time. See State v. Holm. 172M 162, 215NW200.

## CHAPTER 5B

### Public Officers and Employees in General

#### STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

**§254-1. Words and phrases defined.**—That the following words and phrases as used in this act, unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context, shall have the following meanings:

1. "State Employee" shall mean any person

holding a state office or regularly employed by the state in any capacity whatever and whose salary is paid either by warrant of the state auditor or from the fees or income of any department or agency of the state, excepting court commissioners, district judges, and the president, deans, professors, and instructors in the state university and in the