

CHAPTER L.

An Act to provide for Sessions of the Legislature.

- SECTION 1. Time of annual election for members of the Legislature—how conducted.
 2. Day of assembling of Legislature—proviso as to the year 1859.
 3. Term of office of Senators—term of members of the House.
 4. Repeal of Acts contravening or inconsistent.
 5. Act takes effect from passage.

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

Annual election
second Tuesday
in October

SECTION 1. That an election shall be held in the several election precincts of the State, on the second Tuesday of October of each and every year, for the election of members of the Senate and House of Representatives, and such election shall be conducted and the returns made in such manner as heretofore prescribed for the election of members of the Council and House of Representatives, for the Territory of Minnesota, or as may be hereafter prescribed by law.

Assembling of
legislature first
Wednesday of
December

SEC. 2. The Legislature shall assemble annually at the seat of government on the first Wednesday of December in each and every year, except that there shall be no further Session of the Legislature during the present year, nor until the regular time herein prescribed for the meeting of the Legislature in the year 1859; unless sooner convened by proclamation of the Governor, in pursuance of the power contained for such purpose in the Constitution of the State.

Term of office of
senators two
years

SEC. 3. The Term of office for Senators shall be two years, and at the first election hereafter for Senators and members of the House of Representatives, Senators shall be elected for the odd districts only, and at each succeeding election, Senators shall be chosen alternately from the districts designated by even and odd numbers, except that there shall be an entire new election of all the Senators at the election next succeeding each new apportionment, provided for by the State Constitution. Members of the House of Representatives shall be elected annually, and they shall hold said office for one year.

Members of house,
one year

SEC. 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with or contravening the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

GEORGE BRADLEY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WILLIAM HOLCOMBE,
President of the Senate.

APPROVED—August tenth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

HENRY H. SIBLEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }
August 10, 1858. }

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original on file in this office.

FRANCIS BAASEN, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER LI.

An Act to establish an Uniformity of Office Seals.

SECTION 1. Uniformity of official seals to be observed; device and dimensions.

1. Seals for the several counties authorized to be procured by Secretary of State.
2. Notarial seals after September 1; appointment of Notaries, old seals may be used.
3. Repeals acts inconsistent.
4. Act to take effect on passage.

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

SECTION 1. That upon every seal of a District Court, Probate Court, or of any Court of this State having a seal of Registers, Notaries and all other officers required to have a seal, there shall be engraved the same device as is engraved on the Great Seal of the State, together with the name of the Court or office in which the seal is to be used for the attestation of official papers; and that all such seals shall be one inch and five-eighths of an inch in diameter.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of State shall be required, immediately after the passage of this law, to procure the seals for the several Courts and county officers in said several counties in the State, and that the State Auditor shall charge said several counties respectively with the cost of said seal.

SEC. 3. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent Notaries Public continuing in use their present seal, but all impressions of Notaries' seals required to be filed in the office of Secretary of State shall, on and after the first day of September, A. D. 1858, be in accordance with the requirements of this Act, except in case of re-appointments of Notaries, who shall be allowed to use their old seal; and in all cases where new seals are obtained they shall be subject to this Act.