

Pay of judges and  
clerks of election

tion held under this Act, and the Register of Deeds of the different counties shall be paid the like compensation out of their respective counties treasuries, and in like manner as they are entitled to for similar services, under an Act entitled "An Act to regulate Elections."

SEC. 13. This Act to 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 the twelfth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

H. H. SIBLEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }  
August 12, 1858.

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

FRANCIS BAABEN, Secretary of State.

## CHAPTER LXXXVII.

*An Act providing for the election of Governor of the State, and further to prescribe and define the powers and duties of his office.*

- SECTION 1. Governor of the State—time of holding election thereof.
2. Governor to be legal custodian of all the State property.
  3. Officers of the State Departments required to make report of the public business entrusted to them.
  4. Commissions to civil officers in the State, to be signed by Governor.
  5. Requisitions for rendition of fugitives—discretionary power as to payment of expenses.
  6. Reprieves and pardons, to grant.
  7. Vacancies among officers appointed by Legislature, to be filled by Governor—until Legislature meets.
  8. Public Thanksgiving, duty of Governor to set apart a day for.
  9. Extra Sessions of Legislature, authority to convene.
  10. Impeachment, resignation or removal of Governor, Lieutenant Governor to act.
  11. No member of Congress or officer under the United States, to hold the office of Governor.
  12. Private Secretary, to record official letters.
  13. The Great Seal of the State, authority to provide when lost, defaced or injured.
  14. Act takes effect on passage.

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

SECTION 1. The Governor shall be chosen by the qualified electors of the State, at the general election in A. D. one

thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, and at the general election biennially thereafter, and he shall assume the duties of his office on the first day of January next succeeding his election, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Governor of state  
- time of holding  
election therefor

Sec. 2. The Governor is hereby constituted the legal custodian of all the property of the State, not specially entrusted to other officers by law; and he is hereby authorized and empowered to take summary possession of such property of the State, without any process of law; and to adopt such measures as he may deem proper to preserve it from injury or deterioration.

Governor to be  
legal custodian of  
state property

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the several officers of the Executive Department to make a written report to the Governor of the State, of the public business entrusted to their charge, whenever required by him so to do, and the Attorney General shall deliver a written opinion upon any subject connected with the affairs of the State, when requested by the Governor.

Officers of depart-  
ments to make  
reports to govern-  
or

Sec. 4. All commissions to civil officers in this State shall be issued and signed by the Governor, and countersigned by the Secretary of State under the seal of the State, and a record thereof kept in the office of the Secretary of State.

Commissions to  
civil officers by  
whom signed

Sec. 5. In issuing requisitions for the rendition of fugitives from justice, it shall be discretionary with the Governor, whether to allow any sum of money or not, for the expenses incurred therein, and no such expenses shall be paid by the State, or any county, unless on the certificate of the Governor, to the effect that the case is such an one, as the State or county ought to pay for the pursuit and rendition of said fugitive.

Requisitions—  
discretionary  
power as to pay-  
ment of expenses

Sec. 6. The Governor shall have power to grant reprieves and pardons after conviction, except in cases of impeachment.

Reprieves and  
pardons—power  
to grant

Sec. 7. When any officer, the right of whose appointment is vested in the Legislature, shall, during the recess, die, or his office by any means become vacant, the Governor shall have power to fill such vacancy by granting a commission, which shall expire at the commencement of the next session of the Legislature.

Vacancies in of-  
fices appointed  
by legislature, to  
be filled by ap-  
pointment

Sec. 8. The Governor shall by proclamation, set apart one day in each year, as a day of solemn and public thanksgiving to Almighty God, for his blessings to us as a State and a nation, and no business shall be transacted on that day at any of the departments of State.

Annual thank-  
sgiving day

Sec. 9. Whenever the Governor shall deem it necessary to convene an extra session of the Legislature, he shall do so by proclamation, giving such notice as he shall deem necessary to inform the members of the Legislature of the time of assembling; and when assembled he shall state to them the purposes for which they have been convened.

Extra sessions of  
legislature—au-  
thority to convene

Sec. 10. In case of the death, impeachment, resignation,

Impeachment,  
resignation or re-  
moval of governor

or removal of the Governor from office, the Lieutenant Governor shall exercise the office of Governor, until he be acquitted, or another Governor shall be duly qualified. And in case of the impeachment of the Lieutenant Governor, or his death, removal from office, resignation, or absence from the State, the President of the Senate shall succeed to the office and exercise the duties thereof, until a Governor shall be elected and qualified.

Prohibition to  
hold office of gov-  
ernor

SEC. 11. No member of Congress, or person holding any office under the United States or this State, shall execute the office of Governor.

Private secretary  
-his duties

SEC. 12. The Governor shall appoint his Private Secretary, who shall enter in a book kept for that purpose, all such letters written by and to the Governor, as are official and important; and such other letters as the Governor shall deem necessary. Said book shall be deposited in the office of the executive by the Private Secretary, and carefully preserved, and the Governor shall produce the letter books before the Legislature whenever requested.

SEC. 13. Whenever the great seal of the State, shall be lost, or so worn or defaced as to render it unfit for use, the Governor shall provide a new one.

SEC. 14. This Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

GEORGE BRADLEY,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM HOLCOMBE,

President of the Senate.

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

HENRY H. SIBLEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }

August 9, 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 LXXXVIII.

*An Act to authorize the Governor to select Lands, and secure the title thereof.*

SECTION 1. The Governor authorized to appoint a Commissioner to select lands to complete public buildings.

2. Selection of Salt Springs and lands granted by Enabling Act of Congress.
3. Act takes effect on passage.

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

SECTION 1. That the Governor of this State is hereby au-