

CHAPTER LXXII.

March 5, 1869. *An Act to provide counsel for defendants in certain criminal cases.*

SECTION 1. When Court may appoint counsel for defense indicted for criminal offense
—compensation of said counsel.

2. When act to take effect.

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

SECTION 1. That whenever a defendant shall be arraigned upon an indictment for any criminal offense punishable by death or by imprisonment in the state prison and shall request the court wherein the indictment is pending to appoint counsel to assist him in his defense, and shall satisfy the said court by his own oath or such proof as the said court shall require that he is unable by reason of poverty to procure counsel, the court shall appoint counsel for said defendant, not exceeding two, to be paid by the county wherein the indictment was found, by order of said court. The amount of compensation of such counsel shall be fixed by the said court in each case and shall not exceed ten dollars per day for each counsel and shall be confined to the time in which such counsel shall have been actually employed in court upon the trial of such indictment.

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

Approved March 5, 1869.

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