

may be necessary, shall have power to employ an additional watchman at an expense to the county not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50) per month.

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

Approved March 1, 1877.

CHAPTER 177.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO FILE AND RECORD THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF WEST ST. PAUL, IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF RAMSEY COUNTY, AND TO GIVE IT EFFECT AS EVIDENCE," APPROVED FEBRUARY TWENTY-FIFTH (25TH), ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIX (1876).

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

SECTION 1. The plat now in the office of the abstract clerk of Ramsey county, of the town of West St. Paul, as surveyed by Charles A. F. Morris, on the fifteenth (15th) day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five (1855,) and having endorsed thereon the following certificate:

"OFFICE OF REGISTER OF DEEDS,
Dakota County, Minnesota.

"I certify that this plat of West St. Paul, was filed in this office for record on the twenty-third (23d) day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six (1856), at six (6) o'clock in the afternoon, and was duly recorded in Book A of town plats.

[Signed]

JOHN KENNEDY,
Register of Deeds."

Is hereby directed to be filed by the register of deeds of said county in his office, and when so filed, is to be a public record, and the said register is also directed to record said plat and certificate, and such record is to have the same effect as other public records, and certified copies thereof shall be admissible in evidence in all courts of this State, as well as said original plat and the record thereof.

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

Approved March 3, 1877.

CHAPTER 178.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MUNICIPAL COURT IN THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS," APPROVED FEBRUARY THIRTEENTH (13TH), ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR (1874).

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

SECTION 1. That section three (3) of said act be and the same is hereby amended by adding to the end thereof the following :

"There shall be one special judge of said municipal court, whose manner of election, term of office, powers, duties, and qualifications shall be the same as those of municipal judge, except as otherwise provided in this act, and his successor shall be elected, and vacancies in his office filled in like manner. The Governor shall immediately appoint some person duly qualified to fill the vacancy in the office of the said special judge, until his successor be elected at the next general city election, and qualified. In case of a press of business in said court, at the request of the municipal judge, or in case of the absence or sickness of the municipal judge, at the request of the mayor or acting mayor of said city, the said special judge shall act as judge of said court, and when the special judge so acts at the request of the [said] municipal judge, the said special judge and the municipal judge may each have and exercise the powers of the said court. The said special judge shall not act on the trial or examination of any case or otherwise, except as above provided ; and such special judge acting as judge of said court, shall receive compensation from the city at the rate of eight dollars per day, in the absence or sickness of the municipal judge, but not when acting at the request of the municipal judge, unless the city council shall, previous to the performance of such services, so direct. This section shall not incapacitate such special judge from acting as attorney in any case in said court, but when such judge is acting as such judge of said court, he shall take no action in such case, save to adjourn the same.

SEC. 2. That section twelve (12) of said act be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 12. Trial by jury in the municipal court shall, in all