CHAPTER 56.

AN AUT TO AMEND SECTION THIRTY-EIGHT (38) OF CHAP-TER SIXTY-FOUR (64) OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHT (1878), RELATING TO COURT REPORTERS.

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

SECTION 1. That the first (1st) provise of section thirtyeight (38) of chapter sixty-four (64) of the general statutes of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878) be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows: *Provided, however*, that no such reporter shall be appointed in any county containing less than five thousand (5,000) inhabitants, whose board of county commissioners shall not first authorize such appointment.

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

Approved, March 3, 1883.

CHAPTER 57.

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVEN (257) OF TITLE TWENTY-ONE (21), CHAPTER SIXTY-SIX (66) OF GENERAL STATUTES OF ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHT (1878), RELATING TO CIVIL ACTIONS.

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

SECTION 1. That section two hundred and fifty-seven (257) of title twenty-one (21) chapter sixty-six (66) of the general statutes of one thousand eight hundred and seventyeight (1878), be, and the same is so amended as to read as follows:

Connsel to submit conclusions of facts and law. Any party may, and if required by the court, shall, when the evidence is closed, submit in distinct and concise propositions, the conclusions of facts which he claims to be established, or the conclusions of law which he desires to be

Appointment of court reporters. adjudged, or both-and the court shall, upon request of either party, announce or state before the argument of council to the jury, what requests or propositions so sub-mitted will be given or refused by the court. They may be written and handed to the court, or at the option of the court, oral, and entered in the judges minutes, but in either case they shall be entered with any exceptions that may be taken, if either party requires it.

This act shall take effect and be in force from SEC. 2. and after its passage. Approved March 3, 1883.

CHAPTER 58.

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION TWO (2) OF CHAPTER FORTY-SIX (46) OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHT (1878), RELATING TO DESCENT OF LANDS.

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

SECTION. 1. That section two (2) of chapter forty-six (46) of the General Statutes of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878), be amended so as to read as follows:

The surviving husband or wife shall also be SEC. 2. entitled to hold for the term of his or her natural life, free from any testamentary or other disposition thereof, and free from all claims on account of the debts of the deceased, the homestead of such deceased, as such homestead is or may be defined in the statutes relating to homestead exemptions.

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

Approved February 19, 1883.

Surviving husband or wite to hold homestead.