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receive compensation for the year in which such cuttings are planted or tree seeds are sown, and the years succeeding the sowing of such tree seed and planting of cuttings shall be construed to be the six (6) years for which compensation is granted under this act; *Provided also*, That this act shall not apply to any railroad company planting trees within two hundred (200) feet of its track, nor to any person planting trees in compliance with the requirements of the act of congress entitled an act to encourage the growth of timber on western prairies, approved March third (3d), one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three (1873), or an act amendatory thereof.

When act to take effect.

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

Approved March 5, 1885.

## CHAPTER 55.

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-SIX (246) OF TITLE EIGHTEEN (18) OF 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 forty-six (246) of title eighteen (18) of chapter sixty-six (66) of the general statutes of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878) is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

When civil actions may be referred to a referee—how referee compensated.

Third (3d). That whenever, in the opinion of the presiding judge of a district court in this state, a press of business makes the same advisable and necessary, such judge, counsel consenting thereto, may make an order referring any civil action or proceeding of a civil nature (except an action for divorce) to a referee for trial and judgment or for any one or more of the purposes named in this title, and the fees of such a referee, after being taxed by the judge making the order of reference, shall be paid on the order of said judge out of the state treasury as salaries of state officers are now paid. Said judge shall state as a part of said order of reference that in his opinion the press of business makes such reference advisable.

When act to take effect.

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

Approved March 7, 1885.