

CHAPTER 452.

[S. F. No. 487.]

AN ACT TO REGULATE AND FIX THE COMPENSATION OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF WRIGHT COUNTY.

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

SECTION 1. The compensation of the register of deeds of Wright county for the faithful performance of all services now or hereafter required by law to be done and performed by him, shall be a salary of thirteen hundred and eighty (1380) dollars per annum, in lieu of all fees of every nature and kind; said salary shall be payable in twelve (12) equal installments, one at the end of each month, by the county treasurer out of the treasury of the county, upon the warrant of the county auditor.

SEC. 2. An allowance of not to exceed six hundred (600) dollars per annum may be granted by the county commissioners of said county at their annual meetings in January of each year for the compensation of a clerk or deputy for said register of deeds. The said register of deeds shall at the end of every month furnish such clerk or deputy with a certificate of the compensation such clerk or deputy is entitled to for such month, and upon presentation of said certificate the county auditor shall issue to such clerk or deputy his warrant upon the county treasurer for the amount thereof. The allowance for clerk or deputy hire shall in all cases be for actual services rendered and the total amount shall not exceed in any one year the amount as fixed by the county commissioners.

SEC. 3. The register of deeds shall at the close of each week's business pay or cause to be paid to the county treasurer the amount received in fees for the week, and the county treasurer shall credit such sums to the revenue funds of said county and shall issue duplicate receipts for the same and deliver one to the register of deeds and one to the county auditor. Said receipts shall be kept on file in the offices of the auditor and treasurer.

SEC. 4. The register of deeds shall keep in a proper book, to be prepared for the purpose, an exact account of all business of his office for each day and therein record a minute of the kind of every instrument received for record or filed, and of every abstract of title issued or other business performed and a statement of the amount of fees received for the same, and also the amount of fees paid by him to the clerk of the district court and to the county auditor for certificates attached to abstracts of title.

SEC. 5. On the first (1st) day of every month the register of deeds shall file with the county auditor a statement of the total amount of business for the preceding month. Such statement to contain a summary of the various classes and kinds of instruments received for record or filed, abstracts of title and certificates issued, and all other business performed by said register, and the amount of fees received

for the same. Said statements shall be kept on file in the office of the county auditor and shall cause the said statements to be presented for examination at the next succeeding regular meeting of the board of county commissioners.

SEC. 6. No instrument shall be received by said register of deeds for filing or for record, nor shall any official business be performed by said register or his clerk or deputy, except upon the cash payment in full of the legal fees for such filing, record or services except in cases of official bonds now or hereafter required by law to be filed or recorded in his said office; and in cases wherein payment is to be made by the state of Minnesota, or the county of Wright.

SEC. 7. No county auditor shall issue his warrant to any register of deeds of said county, nor to any clerk or deputy for the amount of their last months salary, for any official term of office, until it shall first be made to appear by the affidavit of such register and by the affidavit of such clerk or deputy, that all papers and documents left in said office for record have been duly recorded and indexed, and that all work in said office has been duly done and performed, which affidavits shall be filed in the office of the auditor of said county.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the chairman of the board of county commissioners and the county attorney of said county, at least three (3) times during each year, to make an examination of the books, records, receipts and other matters pertaining to the office of the register of deeds, to compare the receipts and vouchers on file in the auditor's office and in the register's office, and to make a report thereof in writing.

SEC. 9. That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act so far as such acts or parts of acts are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed, and no general law passed in the future shall be construed to apply to said Wright county when its provisions are in conflict with the provisions of this act, unless such application is specifically mentioned.

SEC. 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first (1st) day of January, eighteen hundred and ninety (1890).

Approved March 30, 1889.