

CHAPTER 42.

[H. F. No. 167.]

Minors prohibited in police or district courts.

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE ATTENDANCE OF PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF SEVENTEEN (17) YEARS UPON THE TRIAL OF CRIMINAL CASES IN MUNICIPAL, POLICE OR JUSTICE COURTS IN THIS STATE.

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

Under the age of seventeen years.

SECTION 1. All persons under the age of seventeen (17) years, not being parties to, witnesses in, or directly interested in any criminal prosecution or trial being heard before any district, municipal, police or justice court in this state, are hereby prohibited from attending or being present in such court at such trial.

Sheriff and officers to exclude from court rooms.

SEC. 2. It is hereby made the duty of any and all police officers, constables, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs or other officers in charge of any such court and attending upon the trial of any such criminal case before either of said courts, to exclude from the room in which such trial is being had all persons mentioned in the first (1st) section of this act; *Provided*, That court before whom such trial is being heard may, by order, permit any such person to attend upon any such trial.

Penalty against officers for neglecting to enforce this law.

SEC. 3. Any police officer, constable, sheriff or deputy sheriff who, knowingly, shall neglect or refuse to carry out and enforce the provisions of this act shall, on conviction thereof before any court of competent jurisdiction, be fined not less than ten dollars (\$10) or more than twenty-five dollars (\$25), together with the costs of such prosecution.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 6, 1891.

CHAPTER 43.

[S. F. No. 604.]

Defective execution of mortgages, etc.

AN ACT TO VALIDATE THE DEFECTIVE EXECUTION OF DEEDS, MORTGAGES AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS DEFECTIVELY EXECUTED, AND THE RECORD THEREOF.

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

SECTION 1. That in all cases where deeds, mortgages or other instruments affecting real estate within this state, or letters of attorney authorizing the same, have heretofore