

That in all counties whose treasurers and auditors are allowed no compensation for clerk hire and have no deputy allowed by law, and who receive salaries under special laws not exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000) each per annum, the board of county commissioners are hereby authorized, if in their judgment clerk help is necessary or proper, to allow to each of such officers as compensation for clerk hire, annually, a sum not exceeding three hundred (300) dollars.

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 23, 1897.

## CHAPTER 274.

S. F. No. 543.

*An act to perfect the record evidence of title to certain lands.*

Perfecting record of evidence of title to certain lands.

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

SECTION 1. That whenever, under any law heretofore existing, any deeds, mortgages, trust deeds, foreclosure proceedings or any other instruments affecting the title to any lands in this state heretofore owned by any railroad company have been recorded in the office of the secretary of state, but not in the county in which such lands are situated, it shall be the duty of the secretary of state upon the application of the county commissioners of any county in which any portion of the lands affected by any such instrument may be situated, or of any person interested, to prepare and furnish to the register of deeds of such county certified copies of the record of each and all of such deeds, mortgages, trust deeds, foreclosure proceedings or any other instruments in any manner affecting the title to any land in such county; and the register of deeds shall index and record the same in the same manner as original deeds and mortgages are indexed and recorded. And such certified copies, and the record thereof, and certified copies of such record, shall have the same force and effect as the record of the original instruments.

When recorded in office of sec'y of state and not in county.

SEC. 2. For all services performed under this act the secretary of state shall receive no fee; but registers of deeds shall receive the same fees as they are by law allowed for other similar services, to be audited and al-

Fees for making record.

lowed by the state auditor, upon the presentation to him of itemized and verified bills, and paid by the state treasurer upon the warrant of the state auditor.

\$200 appropriated.

SEC. 3. There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, belonging to the general fund, the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200), or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry this act into effect.

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

Approved April 23, 1897.

S. F. No. 578.

## CHAPTER 275.

Authorizing city councils to establish and maintain uniform heights of water in navigable lakes.

*An act to authorize city councils to establish and maintain uniform heights of water in the navigable lakes of this state, in order to improve navigation therein or to promote the public health and welfare.*

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

SECTION 1. The city council of any city in this state in which all or a part of any navigable lake is situated is hereby authorized and empowered, in order to improve the navigation in such lake or to promote the public health or welfare, to establish, as herein provided, a uniform height at which the water in such lake shall be maintained, and to raise said water to and to maintain it at said height as nearly as practicable.

May acquire dams and lands, and construct dams.

SEC. 2. To carry out the purposes of this act such council is hereby authorized to acquire by gift, purchase or condemnation, any dam or dams on any streams affecting the level of the water in such lake, and also any land that such council shall deem necessary along, on or near the shores of any such lake or any such stream, and to construct and maintain on such land or across any such stream such dam or dams as may be necessary for the purpose of maintaining such water at such height, and also to acquire any necessary land for approaches from any highway to any such dam or dams that such council may acquire or construct, and acquire all such flowage and other rights and all such property as such council shall deem necessary, and to do any and all things necessary to maintain the water in such lake as nearly as practicable at the height established, as herein provided, and to carry into full effect the purposes of this act.