

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

Approved April 23, 1897.

H. F. No. 1029.

CHAPTER 326.

Term of district court in Chisago county.

An act to fix the time of holding special term of the district court in and for Chisago county in this state.

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

SECTION 1. That a special term of the district court in the county of Chisago, First judicial district of the state of Minnesota, shall be held on the second Thursday of May, A. D., 1898, and on said day each year thereafter, for the trial of civil and criminal cases and issues of law, and one of the judges of said district court may direct grand and petit jurors to be drawn and summoned for such special term in the manner prescribed by law.

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

Approved April 23, 1897.

H. F. No. 79.

CHAPTER 327.

Amending the penal code.

An act to amend chapter twelve (12) of title fifteen (15) of the penal code of the State of Minnesota.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter twelve (12) of title fifteen (15) of the penal code of the state of Minnesota is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section(s), to-wit:

Penalty for injuring wires, poles or apparatus of electric or telephone plants.

Sec. 491 A. A person who shall wilfully or maliciously destroy, injure, disconnect, displace, cut, break, deface, ground or in any way interfere with any pole, cable or wire legally erected, put up or strung, or any underground conduit, subway or cable, or any electrical or other apparatus, lamps, transformer, switch, appliance, instrument or machinery of any kind used in the construction of or in the operation of any electric or telephone plant,

line or system, or used in the producing, generating or transmitting of electric light, heat or power, or who shall aid, agree with, employ or conspire with any other person or persons to do any of the aforementioned acts, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not exceeding five hundred dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding five years.

Sec. 491 B. Whoever shall wilfully or maliciously make any connection with any meter, pipe, conduit, wire, line or other apparatus belonging to any person or company using or engaged in the manufacture, supply, sale or distribution of electricity or of electric current for the purpose of taking, using or wasting such electricity or electric current, or shall wilfully or maliciously prevent an electric meter from duly measuring or registering the quantity of electricity supplied, or shall in any way interfere with its proper action or just registration, or shall, without the consent of such person or company, wilfully or maliciously divert any electrical current or power of such person or company, or in anywise wilfully or maliciously use or cause to be used without the consent of such person or company any electricity manufactured or distributed by such person or company, or shall aid, agree with, employ or conspire with any other person or persons to do any of the aforementioned acts, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, for every offense, be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred (500) dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding five years.

Penalty for making connection with or interfering with apparatus of electric plants.

Provided, that nothing in this act shall be construed as interfering with such supervision or control as the state of Minnesota or its municipal corporations are or may be by law authorized to exercise.

Excepting supervision by state or municipal corporations.

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