

CHAPTER 370.

S. F. No. 293.

An act to create an additional judge for the Twelfth judicial district in the state of Minnesota.

Additional
judge, 12th
dist.

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

SECTION 1. There shall be elected in the Twelfth (12) judicial district two (2) judges of the district court of such district, either of one (of) whom shall have and exercise the powers of the court as now prescribed by law relative to the present judge of said court, except as otherwise provided by this act; and all laws now in force whether general or special, as to qualification, election, canvass of votes, oaths and terms of office, and the commencement of such term, compensation, jurisdiction, duties, authority and powers of the present judge of said court shall apply to each of said judges, and their successors shall be elected, and vacancies in their offices filled as now provided in relation to judges of district courts; *provided, however*, that the present judge of said court shall be judge thereof for the unexpired term for which he was elected, and until his successor is elected and qualified.

SEC. 2. The said judges may act in joint session for the trial or determination of any matter before the court, including the trial of jury cases, and when so acting, the senior judge in office, or if neither be senior in office the senior in age shall preside, if there is a division of opinion the opinion of the presiding judge shall prevail, process may be tested in the name of either of said judges.

SEC. 3. The business of said court may be divided between said judges and otherwise regulated as they may direct by rule or otherwise, and each of said judges may separately try court or jury cases during the same term and at the same time.

SEC. 4. Upon the passage and approval of this act the governor of this state shall appoint an additional judge for said district court who shall hold his office until the next general election, and until his successor is elected and qualified.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 15, 1897.