

Provided, that if the defendant or one of several defendants reside in an incorporated city of more than 50,000 inhabitants such action shall be brought within said city. If none of the defendants reside in the state, action may be brought in any county and township wherein either of the defendants may be found. If there be no qualified and acting justice of the peace in the proper township, the action may be brought before any qualified and acting justice of the peace in any adjoining township in the same county.

Nothing herein contained shall be construed to abrogate or qualify the right of change of venue in civil actions now provided by statute.

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

Approved April 3, 1897.

CHAPTER 94.

H. F. No. 318.

An act to amend chapter one hundred and ninety (190) of the general laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five (1885), as amended by chapter one hundred and five (105) of the general laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one (1891), relating to common carriers.

Common carriers.

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

SECTION 1. That section one (1) of chapter one hundred and ninety (190) of the general laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five (1885), as amended by chapter one hundred and five (105) of the general laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one (1891), be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

Amendment.

Sec. 1. That all railroad corporations, or companies operating any railroads in this state, shall within a reasonable time after the passage and approval of this act, provide at all villages and boroughs on their respective roads, depots with suitable waiting rooms for the protection and accommodation of all passengers patronizing such roads, and a freight room for the storage and protection of freight, and at all stations in villages of one thousand (1,000) inhabitants or over, all such railroad companies or corporations shall provide a separate waiting room for ladies, and a separate waiting room for gentlemen, both of which said waiting rooms shall be properly and comfortably furnished, heated, lighted, and ventilated, which said rooms shall each be at least equal in size to fifteen (15) feet by eighteen (18) feet

Railroad companies to provide depots.

square, with a height of ceiling at least ten (10) feet above the floor, and that all villages of less than one thousand (1,000) shall have at least one (1) such waiting room; and waiting rooms in all cases when necessary, be constructed of such greater size as to accommodate all passengers patronizing such railroad at any station.

To stop
trains and
keep depots
open.

Such railroad corporations or companies shall at all such depots or stations stop their trains regularly as at other stations to receive and discharge passengers, and for at least one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour before the arrival and one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour after the arrival of any passenger train, cause their respective depots or waiting rooms to be open for the reception of passengers; said depots to be kept well lighted and warmed for the space of time aforesaid. And where the annual business of any railroad company at any such station amounts to fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars or more, based upon the outgoing and incoming freight and passenger traffic, then such railway company shall keep an agent at said depot during the business hours of each business day during the entire year; and any railroad company violating the provisions of this act shall be subject to the penalty as provided in section two (2) of chapter one hundred and ninety (190) of the general laws for the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five (1885).

Penalty.

Provided, that the railroad and warehouse commission may authorize the withdrawal of such agent at depots where the business is periodical during such time as there is no business at any such station.

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

Approved April 3, 1897.

H.F. No. 409.

CHAPTER 95.

Foreign in-
surance com-
panies.

An act to authorize and empower insurance companies and associations organized in other states to become Minnesota corporations.

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

May become
corporations
of Minn.

SECTION 1. Any company or association organized under the laws of any other state of the union than the state of Minnesota, which could have been originally incorporated under the laws of Minnesota, for the pur-