

are wholly or partly within the territory or limits of such county, the board of county commissioners of such county are hereby authorized and empowered to appropriate each year, from the general fund of such county, such sums for public improvements, on, in or about said lake or lakes within said county limits as in the opinion of said board may be necessary, *provided* that the total amount of said sum or sums so appropriated shall not exceed the sum of three thousand (3,000) dollars in any one year, for a term not to exceed five years from the passage of this act; *provided further*, that the question of population shall be determined by the official census next preceding any appropriation made under the provisions of this act.

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

Approved April 11, 1901.

H. F. No. 484.

CHAPTER 260.

Amends laws relating to clerk hire for probate judges.

An act to amend section four thousand four hundred and eighteen (4418). of the General Statutes of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, relating to clerk hire for probate judges, as the same is amended by chapter one hundred and eighty-eight of the General Laws of Minnesota for 1899.

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

SECTION 1. That section four thousand four hundred and eighteen (4418). of the General Statutes of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four (1894), as the same is amended by chapter one hundred and eighty-eight (188) of the General Laws of Minnesota for 1899, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 4418. All probate judges whose salary amounts to or exceeds the sum of one thousand (1,000) dollars may receive a further sum to be annually fixed by the board of county commissioners, not exceeding five hundred (500) dollars, in any one year, for clerk hire, *provided, however*, that in all counties having a population of two hundred thousand or over, the compensation of the clerk of the probate court shall be fifteen hundred dollars per annum and there shall be allowed for additional clerk hire in such counties the sum of thirty-three hundred (3,300) dollars annually, the same to be paid in monthly installments by the treasurer of the county upon the warrant of the county auditor.

Provided, further, that this act shall not apply to counties having a population of more than one hundred thousand and less than two hundred thousand inhabitants, nor to counties operating under special laws.

SEC. 2. Except as hereinbefore mentioned, all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

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

Approved April 11, 1901.

CHAPTER 261.

H. F. No. 492.

An act to amend sections four thousand seven hundred and seventy-one and four thousand seven hundred and seventy-two, of the General Statutes of 1894, relating to marriages.

Amendment
Marriages,
who may
perform
ceremony.

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

SECTION 1. That section four thousand seven hundred and seventy-one of the General Statutes of 1894, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 4771. Marriage may be solemnized by and justice of the peace in the county in which he is elected; and, throughout the state, by any judge of a court of record, the superintendent of the department for the deaf and dumb in the Minnesota Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute, or any licensed or ordained minister of the gospel, in regular communion with any religious society.

SEC. 2. That section four thousand seven hundred and seventy-two of the General Statutes of 1894, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 4772. Ministers of the gospel, before they are authorized to perform the marriage rite shall file a copy of their credentials of license or ordination with the clerk of the district court of some county in this state, who shall record the same, and give a certificate thereof; and the place where such credentials are recorded shall be endorsed upon each certificate of marriage granted by any minister, and recorded with the same.

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

Approved April 11, 1901.