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

Approved March 14, 1901.

S. F. No. 121.

CHAPTER 47.

Amendment. Decisions of courts.

An act to amend section 5386 of the General Statutes of 1894, relating to the decisions of courts, when and how made, and penalties for the failure to make within a limited time.

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

SECTION 1. That section 5386 of the General Statutes of 1894 be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

How and when to be made,

Sec. 5386. Upon the trial of an issue of fact by the court, its decision shall be in writing; in giving the decision of facts found and the conclusions of law shall be separately stated; judgment upon the decision shall be entered accordingly. All questions of fact and law, and all motions and matters which shall hereafter be submitted to a judge for his decision or disposition, shall be decided by him, and his decision in writing filed with the clerk within five (5) months after such submission, unless prevented by sickness or unavoidable casualty, or the time be extended by stipulation in writing signed by the counsel for the respective parties and filed with the judge before the expiration of the five (5) months; that the provisions of this act shall be construed as mandatory and not directory, and the state auditor is hereby directed not to sign or to issue a warrant upon the state treasurer for the payment of the salary, or any installment of the salary, of any judge of the district court of this state unless the voucher or requisition, for such warrant, filed with the state auditor, shall contain, or be accompanied by, a certificate of the judge requesting such warrant, that all matters submitted to him for decision five months or more prior to the filing of said application have been decided as required herein; and, in case the time has been extended by stipulation in writing, as herein provided, or a decision has been prevented by sickness, or unavoidable casualty within the limitation of time herein fixed, said certificate shall state the facts excusing the delay, and the making and filing of a false certificate shall be deemed just cause for complaint to the next legislature.

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

Approved March 14, 1901.

## CHAPTER 48.

S. F. No. 187.

An act to transfer an appropriation for a bridge in Pine county. Pine County, made from the internal improvement fund bridge fund. by title 2, chapter 103, General Laws of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven (1897), to the road and bridge fund of said county.

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

Section 1. That the appropriation of four hundred dollars (\$400) heretofore made from the internal improvement fund now in the state treasury, by and under the provisions of title 2, chapter 103, General Laws of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven (1897), entitled "An act to appropriate money to aid in building bridges, constructing roads and draining lands in certain towns and counties of the state," approved April 9, 1897, be and the appropriation made by title 2, chapter 103 aforesaid, is hereby transferred to the road and bridge fund of said Pine County; provided, that the appropriation so made by title 2, chapter 103, General Laws one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven (1897) shall he paid to the treasurer of said Pine County and expended under the supervision of the county commissioners of said county in the construction of a substantial wagon wagon bridge. bridge across Pokegema creek, at or near section fourteen (14), in township thirty-nine (39), range twentytwo (22), in said Pine County.

SEC. 2. That the said county commissioners of said Pine County shall view said bridge when completed and examine all contracts, vouchers and accounts respecting the construction of said bridge and the cost thereof, and make a report of such cost to the state auditor, and three

of said commissioners may act in the premises.

SEC. 3. That upon the receipt of said report by the state auditor he shall draw his order in favor of said county of Pine on the state treasurer for the cost of said bridge and approaches, and the state treasurer shall pay over such money to the county treasurer of Pine County upon said order or orders, and such money shall be paid out by the said county treasurer upon the order of the county commissioners of said county in payment of the costs of said bridge and approaches.