

Third: For additional furniture, five hundred (500) dollars.

Fourth: For extraordinary repairs, one thousand (1,000) dollars.

Fifth: For current expenses, in addition to standing annual appropriation, eight thousand (8,000) dollars.

Sixth: For heating plant, fifteen thousand (15,000) dollars.

B. For fiscal year ending July thirty-first (31st), 1903:

First: Library books and equipment, five hundred (500) dollars.

Second: Additional salary for the president to that now established by law, five hundred (500) dollars.

Third: Additional furniture, five hundred (500) dollars.

Fourth: For extraordinary repairs, one thousand (1,000) dollars.

Fifth: For current expenses, in addition to standing appropriation, eight thousand (8,000) dollars.

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

Approved February 28, 1902.

H. F. No. 13.

## CHAPTER 89.

Relief of  
ex-State  
Treasurer  
Bobleter.

*An act to extend the provisions of Chapter 140, General Laws of 1901, to former State Treasurer Joseph Bobleter, and to release him from certain technical liability, and to refund to him the sum of fifteen hundred dollars paid thereon.*

Whereas, By its report, dated December 18, 1901, the commission appointed by the governor under chapter 212, General Laws of 1899, found that a balance of six thousand dollars (\$6,000), exclusive of interest, remained due to the state upon the liability of Joseph Bobleter, former state treasurer, arising from the insolvency of certain state depositories in which the money of the state was by said treasurer deposited; and said commission thereupon determined to accept, on behalf of the state, the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) in settlement of such liability; and said Joseph Bobleter has paid the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) on account thereof; and

Whereas, The said loss occurred in the financial crisis of 1893, when the state had on deposit in various banks, approved by the state board of auditors, nearly three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000), and, during the incumbency of said Joseph Bobleter, the state has received, as interest on deposits, the sum of \$230,628.13 (Report of state treasurer, 1894); and

Whereas, The supreme court, in determining the liability of said Joseph Bobleter under the then existing laws, held the following language:

"Technically speaking the loss was not his \* \* \* We appreciate that if we sustain the court below, we hold, in effect, that the treasurer was, at the time in question, the guarantor of the continued solvency of a large number of banks scattered throughout the state, in which, in strict accordance with the statute, public funds were deposited from day to day, during his term of office," 86 N. W. Rep. 461.

And, whereas, State treasurers have since been relieved from such liability, under similar circumstances, by chapter 140, General Laws of 1901.

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

SECTION 1. That the provisions of section three (3) chapter one hundred and forty (140), General Laws of 1901, approved April 4, 1901, be, and the same are hereby extended to Joseph Bobleter during his former incumbency as state treasurer, and said Joseph Bobleter is hereby released from liability to the state arising from the insolvency of any state depositories in which the moneys of the state were deposited during his incumbency as such state treasurer.

SEC. 2. The attorney general is hereby authorized and directed to satisfy of record the order for judgment in the action commenced by the State of Minnesota against said Joseph Bobleter, to recover the moneys so deposited, now pending in the district court of Ramsey county, Minnesota, and to refrain from taking further action therein.

SEC. 3. The state treasurer is hereby authorized to return to said Joseph Bobleter, upon the warrant of the state auditor, the said sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500), by him last paid as aforesaid, and the said

amount is hereby appropriated from the revenue fund for that purpose.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 3, 1902.

S. F. No. 53.

#### CHAPTER 90.

Public Examiner.

*An act to appropriate money for the contingent expenses of the office of the public examiner.*

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

Appropriation.

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated the sum of eleven thousand five hundred dollars (\$11,500) out of any money belonging to the State of Minnesota in the hands of the state treasurer not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the contingent expenses of the public examiner, including the employes of his department in the performance of the official duties appertaining thereto, for the fiscal years ending July 31st, A. D. 1902, and July 31st, A. D. 1903.

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

Approved March 6, 1902.

H. F. No. 34.

#### CHAPTER 91.

State treasurer. Stenographer.

*An act authorizing the state treasurer to employ the services of a stenographer and appropriate money therefor.*

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

SECTION 1. That the state treasurer is hereby authorized and empowered to employ such stenographic assistance as he may find necessary to facilitate the work in the office of the state treasurer, in an amount not exceeding nine hundred (\$900) dollars annually, payable in monthly installments.

SEC. 2. There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of nine hundred (\$900) dollars annually for the purpose of this act.

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

Approved March 11, 1902.