II. F. No. 859.

CHAPTER 392.

Assessments for street grading.

An act making certain assessments for street grading in cities of over (50,000) inhabitants void and of no effect.

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

Applies to cities of over 50,000 population. Section I. In all cities of over 50,000 inhabitants where an assessment for the grading of any street has been levied and the street or any part thereof has not been graded within five (5) years after the levying of the assessment for such grading, said assessment covering that portion of the street which has not been graded is hereby declared to be null, void and of no effect. *Provided*, nothing in this act shall render any city liable to make refundments on account of any such assessment where they would not otherwise be liable so to do.

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with

this act are hereby repealed.

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

Approved April 21, 1903.

H. F. No. 852.

CHAPTER 393.

Protection of employes.

An act to protect the rights of employes, servants, laborers and persons seeking employment, and to provide a penalty for coercing or influencing or making demands upon or requirements of such persons.

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

Unlawful to prevent persons from obtaining employment. Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any individual or corporation or member of any firm, or any agent, officer or employe of any company or corporation to contrive or conspire to prevent any person from obtaining or holding employment, or to discharge, or to procure or attempt to procure a discharge of any person from any employment by reason of such person having engaged in any strike.

SEC. 2. It shall be unlawful for any individual or corporation, whether acting for himself directly or through another person, agent or agency, or whether acting as agent or employe of another person or persons,

or as a member of any firm, or as an officer, agent or employe of any company or corporation, to require from any person, as a condition to any contract of employment, any written statement as to his participation in any strike, or any written statement as to his personal record, except as to conviction for crime or misdemeanor, for a period of more than one year immediately preceding the date of making application for such employment, and the use or requirement by any such indidividual or corporation acting in any of the capacities aforesaid of blanks or forms of application for employment in contravention of the provisions of this act are hereby forbidden.

SEC. 3. Any violations of any of the provisions of Penalty. this act shall be deemed a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding \$100.00, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not exceeding three months.

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

Approved April 21, 1903.

CHAPTER 394.

H. F. No. 838.

An act relating to the decision of probate court, when of probate and how made, and penalties for failure to make within a court. limited time.

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

Section 1. Upon the trial of an issue of fact or law by the probate court, its decision shall be in writing. All questions of fact and law, and all motions, and matters which were submitted heretofore or which shall hereafter be submitted to a judge for his decision or disposition, shall be decided by him, and his decision or disposition shall be filed in the office of said probate court, in the files in said matter or cause, within ninety (90) days after such submission, unless prevented by sickness or unavoidable casualty. That the provision of this act shall be construed as mandatory and not directory, and the county in case auditor is hereby directed not to sign or to issue a warrant on the county treasurer for the payment of the salary, or any installment of the salary of any probate judge of the probate court of this state, unless the voucher or requisition for such warrant filed with the county auditor