

Provided, that in all counties where the compensation of the register of deeds is not fixed by special laws, having a population of over twenty thousand (20,000) and not exceeding seventy-five thousand (75,000) where the report of the register of deeds made pursuant to section 603, Revised Laws of 1905, shows that he received as fees in the preceding calendar year less than two thousand (\$2,000) dollars, the county board of any such county shall thereupon pay to such register of deeds from the county revenue fund of the county enough money to make the compensation of such register of deeds two thousand (\$2,000) for such preceding calendar year; and in all counties having a population of over 10,000 and not exceeding 20,000, where such report of the register of deeds shows that he received as fees in the preceding calendar year less than \$1,200, the county board of any such county shall thereupon pay to such register of deeds from the county fund of the county enough money to make the compensation of such register of deeds \$1,200 for such preceding calendar year; and in all counties having a population of 10,000 or less, where such report of the register of deeds shows he received as fees the preceding calendar year less than \$900, the county board of any such county shall thereupon pay to such register of deeds from the county fund of the county enough money to make the compensation of such register of deeds \$900 for such preceding calendar year.

This section shall not apply to counties having a population of more than seventy-five thousand (75,000) nor to any county where such fees are now fixed by special law.

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

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CHAPTER 257—H. F. No. 514.

An Act entitled an act to amend section 5467 of the Revised Laws of the State of Minnesota for the year 1905, relating to officers appointed by the sheriff.

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

Fees of matron and jailers in certain cases.—Section 1. That section 5467 of the Revised Laws of the State of Min-

nesota for the year 1905 be amended so as to read as follows:

"5467. Officers Appointed by Sheriff—The sheriff of every county maintaining a jail, with the approval of the judges of the district court therein, shall appoint a competent woman as matron, who, under his direction, shall have exclusive charge of all female prisoners. He may, in the same manner, whenever the average number of prisoners in such jail for the preceding six months shall have been ten or more, appoint a night watchman, and, when twenty or more, an assistant jailer also. - Said judges shall fix the compensation of all such employes at not less than the following sums, viz: The matron, 50 cents for each day when there is a female prisoner; the night watchman and assistant jailer, one dollar per day; *provided* that they shall be discharged whenever the number of prisoners for any preceding six months has fallen below the number herein prescribed: *Provided*, that in counties having a population of more than one hundred and fifty thousand, where the sheriff is not paid any salary, but receives fees in lieu thereof for his compensation, he may appoint, with the approval of said judges, a matron, three jailers, three watchmen, and, where an elevator is in use, an operator thereof, who shall be a deputy sheriff. Said officers shall be sober, responsible persons, able to read and write the English language intelligently. Their compensation shall be fixed by said judges and paid monthly; they shall hold office during the pleasure of the sheriff and judges, and they may be removed at any time by the sheriff or by said judges. Whenever the sheriff performs the duties of jailer, he shall receive the compensation fixed therefor."

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

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