CHAPTER 11-S. F. No. 61.

An Act relative to the judges of, and to create an additional judge for, the district court of and for the fifteenth judicial district of the State of Minnesota.

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

Third judge for 15th judicial district.—Section 1. There shall be elected in the fifteenth judicial district of said state three judges of the district court of said district, any one or more of whom shall have and exercise the powers of said court, as now prescribed by law relative to the present judges of said court, except as otherwise provided by this act, and all laws now in force, whether general or special, as to the qualifications, election, canvass of votes, oath and term of office, and commencement of such term, compensation, jurisdiction, duties, authority, and powers of the present judges of said district court shall apply to all the judges of said court, and their successors shall be elected, and vacancies in their offices shall be filled as now provided in relation to the present judges of said district court. Provided, however, that the present judges of the said district court shall be judges of the said court for the unexpired terms for which they were elected.

Governor to appoint.—Sec. 2. That immediately upon the passage of this act, the governor of said state shall appoint a competent person to be one of the judges of the said district court, who shall immediately thereafter qualify and enter upon the duties of said office, and shall hold the said office until a successor shall have been elected and qualified, which said successor shall be elected at the next general election after the passage of this act.

Joint session of judges.—Sec 3. The said judges, or a majority of them, may act in joint session for the trial or determination of any matter before the court, including the trial of jury cases, and, when so acting, the judge senior in office or if neither be senior in office, the judge senior in age shall preside, and the decision of the majority shall be the decision of the court. If, however, only two of the said judges are so acting, and there is a division of opinion, the opinion of the presiding judge shall prevail. Process may be tested in the name of either one of the said judges.

Division of business.—Sec. 4. The said judges, or a majority of them, may divide the business of the said court between the said judges, and may otherwise regulate said business by rules, or otherwise; and each of the said judges may separately try court or jury cases during the same term, or at the same time.

- Sec. 5. All laws and parts of laws inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.
- Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 10, 1909.

CHAPTER 12-H. F. No. 151.

In Act to amend sub-division II, of section 4317, of the Revised Laws of Minnesota for the year 1905, relating to property exempt.

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

- 100 bushels of flax exempted.—Section 1. That sub-division eleven (11) of section 4317, of the Revised Laws of Minnesota for the year 1905 be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:
 - 11. Necessary seed for the actual personal use of the debtor for one season, not to exceed in any case the following amounts: one hundred bushels of wheat, one hundred bushels of barley, one hundred bushels of potatoes, one hundred bushels of oats, one hundred bushels of flax, ten bushels of corn: and binding material sufficient for use in harvesting the crop raised from such seed.
 - Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 11, 1909.

CHAPTER 13-H. F. No. 408.

An Act to amend section 1286 Revised Laws of 1905, as amended by chapter 188, General Laws of Minnesota for the year 1907, relating to the change of boundary lines of school districts and the formation of new school districts.

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

Change of school district boundary lines, proceedings, how commenced—right of appeal.—Section 1. That section 1286 Revised Laws 1905 as amended by chapter 188 of the General Laws of Minnesota for the year 1907, relating to the change of boundary lines of school districts and the formation of new school districts, be amended so as to read as follows: