

“Section 1. That for the next legislature and thereafter until a new apportionment shall have been made, the senate of this state shall be composed of sixty-three (63) members, and the house of representatives shall be composed of one hundred and twenty (120) members.”

Sec. 2. That that subdivision of section two (2) of chapter 120 of the General Laws of 1897, entitled “seventeenth district” be amended so as to read as follows:

The seventeenth district shall be composed of the counties of Lincoln, Lyon and Yellow Medicine, and shall be entitled to elect one (1) senator and three (3) representatives.

The representative districts shall be divided as follows: The county of Lincoln shall constitute one (1) district and shall be entitled to elect one (1) representative. The county of Lyon shall constitute one (1) district and shall be entitled to elect one (1) representative. The county of Yellow Medicine shall be entitled to elect one (1) representative and shall constitute one (1) district.

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

Approved April 24, 1909.

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#### CHAPTER 491—H. F. No. 1056.

*An Act authorizing the refundment without interest of the amount of certain tax certificates upon reform school lands where the tax sale occurred and the certificates were acquired prior to the year 1902.*

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

#### **Refundment of tax certificates upon reform school lands.—**

Section 1. Any holder of a tax certificate of sale or state assignment certificate, who became the owner thereof prior to the adoption of chapter 2, General Laws 1902, and which describes reform school lands, so-called, or any tract, lot or subdivision thereof and which was sold by the state upon contract prior to the year 1902, to a purchaser, who has since defaulted in the performance of the conditions thereof, so that the land is now owned in fee simple by the state, may petition the board of county commissioners of the county wherein such lands are situated, setting forth fully and fairly all the facts pertaining thereto and said board of county commissioners shall thereupon inquire into the truth of the facts alleged in said petition, and if they are satisfied that the facts are fully and fairly stated therein, they shall so certify to the state auditor of the state of Minnesota. The

state auditor, if he is satisfied that a refundment should be made to the holder of said certificate or certificates, or any of them, for the amount thereof, without interest, shall authorize the refundment of the amount paid therefor together with the amount of other subsequent taxes upon said property paid by the holder thereof, but without interest upon any of said amounts, and upon the surrender or proper assignment of said certificates the county auditor shall draw an order upon the treasurer of said county, for the sum so authorized to be refunded, the same to be countersigned and paid like other county orders. The several funds,—state, county, town, city, village, school and other funds—shall be charged with their several proportions of the amount thus refunded.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.  
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#### CHAPTER 492—H. F. No. 1166.

*In Act relating to the liability of towns and territory detached therefrom in cases where bonds have been theretofore issued thereby and the territory comprising same has been thereafter divided, or territory detached therefrom, and providing the manner of enforcing such liability.*

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

**Liability of towns and detached territory.**—Section 1. Whenever any territory in this state has heretofore been incorporated, or has been attempted to become incorporated into a town under the laws of this state, and has acted or assumed to act as a town, or has exercised, or assumed, or purported to exercise or assume the prerogatives, privileges, functions or duties of a town and where the said town or purported town has prior to such division or detachment of territory therefrom, actually issued its bonds, for a valuable consideration received by said town, or purported town, and the said town or purported town was thereafter, and after issuance of said bonds and the receipt of the consideration therefor, divided or constituted into one or more additional towns, or the territory constituting, or purporting to constitute a portion of such town or purported town has been detached or set off therefrom, either by the vote of the people, or by operation of law, or by reason that at the time of the incorporation or attempted or purported incorporation of said town, territory not proper or lawful to be included therein was so included, or purported to be included, or by reason that at the time of said incorporation or purported incorporation the boundary lines of the county wherein said town was so incorporated or purported to be