

8907. Every person who, with intent to place mortgaged personal property beyond the reach of the mortgagee or his assigns, shall remove or conceal, or aid or abet in removing or concealing, any such property, and any mortgagor of such property who shall assent to or knowingly suffer such removal or concealment, or, at any time before the debt secured by a chattel mortgage has been fully paid, shall sell, convey, or in any manner dispose of the personal property so mortgaged, or any part thereof, without the written consent of the mortgagee or his assigns, or without informing the person to whom he shall sell, convey, or dispose of the same that it is mortgaged, and the true amount then due on the debt secured by such mortgage, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison or county jail for not more than one year, or by fine of not more than five hundred dollars.

Chattel mortgage within the meaning of this act shall include every written instrument whether in form a chattel mortgage or contract of conditional sale, whereby the title of personal property therein described is mortgaged, held or reserved as security for a debt; mortgaged personal property shall include all personal property which is described in or covered by any such instrument; and the provisions and penalties of this act shall apply to all vendors and vendees of personal property, the title to which is so held or reserved, in the same manner and with the same force and effect as applicable to mortgagors and mortgagees.

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

Approved March 21, 1917.

CHAPTER 91—S. F. No. 511.

An act regulating the hours that firemen shall be employed in cities of the first class, not operating under a home rule charter.

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

Section 1. Fourteen hours limit of duty for firemen in Minneapolis.—No member of the fire department, in cities of the first class, not operating under a home rule charter shall be compelled or required to be on duty more than fourteen hours in any one day, except days for changing from the day shift to the night shift. That no member of the fire department, in any city of the first class, not operating under a home rule charter shall be subject to call, or perform any duties in said department out of his regular hours, as defined in this section.

Sec. 2. Council to adopt measures for enforcement of same and chief of fire department given extraordinary powers in case

of emergencies.—That the councils or other governing bodies of such cities shall be required to take such steps as are necessary to provide means and money to meet the expenditures which shall be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act. Provided, however, that the chief of fire department may establish such rules as may be necessary to ensure the attendance of members in case of a great conflagration, or unusual fire or fires, and in such cases the chief of the fire department may require each and every member of his department to assist in the protection of life and property, notwithstanding said member, or fireman, has been relieved from duty under the provisions of this act. Provided, further, that none of the provisions of this act shall be construed to apply to any vacation now, or hereafter granted to any fireman or firemen by the city or municipality. In case of riot, or other like emergency, the chief of fire department may appoint additional firemen and officers for temporary service, who need not be in the classified list of the department. Such additional firemen, or officers, to be employed only for the time during which the emergency exists.

Sec. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect on and after its passage.

Approved March 22, 1917.

CHAPTER 92—S. F. No. 618.

An act to abolish the municipal court of the city of Benson.

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

Section 1. **Municipal court of Benson abolished.**—The municipal court of the city of Benson is hereby discontinued and abolished.

Sec. 2. **Cases to be transferred to justice and district courts.**—Upon the discontinuance of said court, all actions pending therein, if a civil action wherein the amount in controversy does not exceed one hundred dollars or if a criminal action punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars and by imprisonment for not more than three months, or if a preliminary examination for a criminal offense, shall be transferred immediately to one of the justices of the peace of Swift county for trial or examination as the case may be, which justice shall thereupon have jurisdiction thereof, the proceedings for such transfer to be, as near as may be, the same as in the case of the transfer of causes from one justice of the peace to another upon change of venue; and all actions then pending in said court wherein the amount or subject of the controversy exceeds the jurisdiction of a justice of the peace shall be transferred immediately