

riety, to hold office and qualify in the same manner, perform the same duties and receive the same transcript fees as other court reporters under existing laws applicable to judicial districts which do not contain a city of the first class, and the judge of each of said districts shall fix the salary of the reporter appointed therein at a sum not to exceed two thousand dollars per year and necessary railway, traveling and hotel expenses while absent from his place of residence in the discharge of his official duties, by an order made and filed in the first instance with the respective county auditors of the district so affected within thirty days after the approval of this act, and by subsequent orders made and filed with said county auditors annually on or before the first Monday in January, and all such orders shall apportion the salary of said reporter among the several counties of his district and require the payment thereof in the same manner as is provided by section 119 of the Revised Laws of the state of Minnesota for the year 1905 as amended by chapter 168, General Laws of 1909. The expenses of each such reporter shall be paid by the county for which the same were incurred upon presentation of a verified statement of the reporter therefor duly approved by the presiding judge of the district; whereupon the auditor shall issue his warrant in payment thereof.

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

Approved March 31, 1919.

CHAPTER 148—S. F. No. 315.

An act relating to powers of cities of the first class not organized under Section 36, Article 4 of the Constitution, and of library boards of such cities respecting libraries and art, science and similar collections, and the acceptance of gifts thereof, and of sites of buildings therefor on conditions specified by the donor, and authorizing the issue of bonds for the housing of such libraries and collections. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minneapolis library board authorized to accept certain gifts.—The library board of any city of the first class not organized under sec. 36, article 4 of the constitution, in addition to all the powers heretofore granted, is hereby empowered to accept gifts of land, money, books, works of art, potteries, glass, stones, jewels, antiquities, objects of natural history, objects showing the progress of art, science or invention, and any other similar objects useful for exhibition or instruction, upon such terms and agreements and conditions as to said board may seem best.

Sec. 2. Previous gifts of land, etc., ratified and confirmed.—Every deed and instrument of conveyance or gift of land or other property hereinbefore described heretofore made is hereby rati-

fied and confirmed, and said library board is hereby authorized and empowered to keep and perform the terms and conditions thereof, and to enter into every promise and agreement needful therefor, and said board may provide by a standing rule for a commission which shall have the care and custody of such property hereinbefore described, other than land, under general rules and regulations to be prescribed by said board, the members of such commission to be appointed in the first instance by said board, and vacancies to be filled by nomination of the commission itself, subject to confirmation by said board.

Sec. 3. Library board permitted to erect buildings on land acquired.—Said library board may erect buildings on any land acquired as aforesaid—any prior provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sec. 4. \$500,000 bond issue authorized.—In order to raise funds to adequately house its libraries and collections, each such city is authorized, through its city council, upon request of the library board, to issue and sell from time to time negotiable bonds of the city in such sums as may be deemed necessary, but not exceeding five hundred thousand (\$500,000.00) dollars par value in amount in the aggregate, including in such aggregate all bonds if any which may be hereafter issued or sold for like purposes under chapter five (5), General Laws of 1912, and to pledge the credit of the city for the payment thereof, principal and interest.

The proceeds of such bonds shall be placed to the credit of the library board of such city, and shall be used by said board to acquire or improve a site or sites and for the construction, furnishing and equipping of a building or buildings thereon; for housing its libraries and collections, and for such purposes only.

Such bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding five (5%) per cent per annum, payable annually or semi-annually, and shall have such maturities as said city council may determine, and shall be issued and sold in the manner specified in section 1856, General Statutes of 1913, and acts amendatory thereof.

The said city council shall each year include in the tax levy for such city a sufficient amount to provide for the payment of such interest and for the accumulation of a suitable sinking fund for the redemption of such bonds at their maturity. All such bonds shall be signed by the mayor, attested by the city clerk and countersigned by the comptroller, and shall be sealed with the seal of such city; provided, that the signatures to the coupons attached to such bonds, if any, may be lithographed thereon, and none of said bonds shall be sold at less than their par value and accrued interest, and then only to the highest responsible bidder therefor.

None of said bonds herein authorized shall be issued or sold prior to June 1st, 1920; two hundred and fifty thousand (\$250,000.00) dollars par value of said bonds and no more may be issued

and sold on and between June 1st, 1920, and May 31st, 1921, and the unissued and unsold portion of said bonds may be issued and sold on and subsequent to June 1st, 1921.

Sec. 5. **Definitions.**—The term “city council” shall include the principal governing body of any such city, by whatever name known, and the term “library board” shall include the department or body of any such city having the management of public libraries, by whatever name known.

Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 2, 1919.

CHAPTER 149—S. F. No. 537.

An act fixing the salary and compensation of the county attorney, register of deeds, superintendent of schools, judge of probate, clerk of district court and providing for the number of assistants, deputies, clerks and other help thereon and their compensation, in all counties now or hereafter having an assessed valuation of more than \$250,000,000 exclusive of money and credits and an area of more than 5 000 square miles.

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

Section 1. **Official salaries in St. Louis county.**—That in all counties in this state now or hereafter having an assessed valuation of more than two hundred and fifty million (\$250,000,000) dollars exclusive of money and credits and an area of over five thousand (5,000) square miles, the salaries and compensation of the county attorney, register of deeds, superintendent of schools, judge of probate, clerk of the district court, and the assistants, deputies, clerks and other help thereof, and their compensation, shall be as hereinafter provided in this act.

Sec. 2. **\$4,000 for county attorney.**—The salary of the county attorney of any such county shall be \$4,000.00 per annum.

Sec. 3. **Assistants.**—Such county attorney shall appoint and employ, with the approval of one or more of the district judges, a first assistant county attorney, who shall be paid the sum of \$3,000.00 per annum; and in like manner a second assistant who shall be paid the sum of \$3,000.00 per annum; in like manner a third assistant who shall be paid the sum of \$3,000.00 per annum. All of said assistants shall be attorneys duly admitted to practice in all courts of the state of Minnesota, and they shall take the official oath of office and execute a bond in all respects the same as the county attorney is by law required to execute, and all said assistants shall be fully authorized and empowered to do and perform, at the discretion of the county attorney, any and all duties pertaining to such office of county attorney.