

street railway to make and file with it, any and all other reports, financial or otherwise, that it may deem necessary.

Sec. 14. **Rights reserved**—Permit may be granted to Minnesota corporations only.—The state reserves the right at any future time to modify, amend or repeal this Act or any part thereof, or to cancel or modify any indeterminate permit arising or existing under this Act, or any grant, permit or franchise heretofore or hereafter granted by the State or any city, or otherwise, and nothing in this Act contained shall limit the police power of the State. The street railway shall be subject to all the duties, restrictions or liabilities now or hereafter contained in the General Laws of the state. Notwithstanding anything in this Act to the contrary, an indeterminate permit shall be granted only to a Minnesota corporation, and any assignment, or transfer thereof, shall be to a Minnesota corporation. No such street railway shall be entitled to any damages or compensation in the event of any modification, amendment or repeal of this Act or the cancellation or modification, of any permit, grant or franchise above referred to.

Sec. 15. **Conflicting acts repealed**.—All Acts or parts of Acts conflicting with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed insofar as they are inconsistent therewith.

Sec. 16. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 14, 1921.

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#### CHAPTER 279—S. F. No. 909.

*An act to amend Sections 5772, and 7820 of General Statutes 1913, relating to reference by consent, and fees of referees.*

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

Section 1. **Fees of referees**—**Agreement by parties**.—That section 5772, General Statutes 1913, be amended so as to read as follows:

5772. Fees of referees in general agreement. The fees of Referees shall be *not less than Five Dollars nor more than twenty five Dollars* each for every day spent in the business of the reference, *as shall be fixed and allowed by the court ordering the reference*; but the parties may agree, in writing, upon any other rate of compensation, and such rate shall be allowed, *any excess over the rate fixed by the court as provided above, to be paid by the parties. In addition to said referee's fees, and as a part of the same the Court may tax and allow the usual bailiff's and reporter's fees, where a bailiff, reporter, or both, are employed in connection with the reference.*

Sec. 2. **Reference by consent**.—That Section 7820, General Statutes 1913, be amended so as to read as follows:

7820. Reference by consent. Fees when paid by the County.

By consent of the parties to any civil action or proceeding, the court may appoint one or more referees, not exceeding three in number:

1. To try any or all of the issues therein, whether of law or of fact, except in an action for divorce, and to report judgment thereon;

2. To ascertain and report any fact involved therein;

3. To take and report the evidence therein.

Whenever, in such cases, the court shall state in the order of appointment that the reference is made necessary by press of business, the fees of the referee, as taxed and allowed by the court, shall be paid out of the *County* treasury, as the salaries of *county* officers are paid.

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

Approved April 15, 1921.

#### CHAPTER 280—S. F. No. 526.

*An act relating to coroners, prescribing their duties and the payment of witness, jurors and interpreters' fees in connection with coroners' inquests in any county now or hereafter having an area of more than five thousand square miles and a population of more than one hundred and fifty thousand inhabitants.*

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

Section 1. **Coroner to be physician in certain counties.**—That in any county in this state, now or hereafter having an area of more than five thousand square miles and a population of more than one hundred and fifty thousand inhabitants, the Coroner shall be a duly licensed physician and it shall be the duty of the coroner of said county to make such investigations as he shall deem necessary and issue a death certificate in any of the following cases and no others: violent, mysterious and accidental deaths, including suspected homicides occurring in his county. He shall order an autopsy when and where he deems proper. Any such autopsy heretofore performed by any such coroner or his assistant is hereby declared legal, and physicians called by the coroner to make any such autopsy shall receive six dollars (\$6.00) per day and mileage for such services. He may order a chemical analysis or microscopical examination of any portion of the dead body, or matter or other thing material to determine the facts regarding any such death. It is hereby made the duty of the chief chemist of the State Dairy and Food Department and the School of Chemistry of the University of Minnesota to make such chemical analysis upon the request of such coroner without charge therefor.

Sec. 2. **Fees and mileage to be paid on certificate.**—That the witness fees and mileage of any witness summoned by such coroner to testify, or testifying before any coroner's inquest, shall be paid