

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

in the same manner and amount as juror's fees and mileage are now paid by a coroner for services rendered by a juror before any such coroner.

Sec. 3. Coroner to subpoena interpreter—Fees.—That any such coroner shall have the authority to subpoena any person qualified to act as an interpreter in any coroner's inquest in the same manner as a witness may be subpoenaed. The fees and mileage of any such interpreter shall be paid by such coroner, not exceeding the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) for any one day, in the same manner as witness and jurors' fees are paid by such coroner under the provisions of this act.

Sec. 4. Inconsistent acts repealed.—All acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 15, 1921.

CHAPTER 281—S. F. No. 514.

An act to amend Section 4, Chapter 441, General Laws 1919, relative to the printing of reports and documents.

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

Section 1. State printing —Classes.—Section 4, Chapter 441, General Laws 1919, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 4. The state printing and binding is hereby divided into seven classes, as follows:

Class one—All bills for the senate and house of representatives, and all resolutions and other matters not in pamphlet or book form, that may be ordered printed by either or both houses, or by the officers of either.

Class two—The journals of the senate and house of representatives, including reports and other documents properly forming a part of such journals.

Class three—All other reports and documents ordered printed in pamphlet or book form by either branch of the legislature, or authorized or required by law to be so printed, including the volumes of executive documents and the legislative manual. The following documents may be published by the printing commission in the third class and in such form and quantity as it shall direct, but the commission may edit and condense any of them, or may decline to publish such as it shall decide may be omitted without injury to the state: Biennial reports of the secretary of state, auditor, treasurer, attorney general, railroad and warehouse commission, and such other matter as any of them, by virtue of his office, is required by statute to publish, *provided, however, that no annual report of any state department, or subdivision thereof, shall be printed and pub-*