

Sec. 3. Act effective, when.—The jurisdiction ceded shall not vest until the United States shall have acquired the title to, or possession of the said lands, or rights, or interest therein, by purchase, condemnation, lease, or otherwise; and so long as the said lands, or any rights or interest therein are held in fee simple by the United States, and no longer, such rights or interest, as the case may be, shall continue exempt and exonerated, from all States, county and Municipal taxation, assessment or other charges, which may be levied or imposed under the authority of this State.

Sec. 4. Inconsistent acts repealed.—All acts or parts of acts in conflict with this act are to that extent repealed.

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

Approved March 10, 1925.

CHAPTER 56—S. F. No. 410.

(Sec. 3666, G. S. 1923.)

An act to amend Section 3402, General Statutes 1913, relating to losses and how adjusted by township mutual fire insurance companies.

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

Section 1. Notice of loss—adjustments.—That Section 3402, General Statutes, 1913, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

“Sec. 3402. Every member sustaining loss or damage by fire or lightning shall immediately notify the secretary, who, if the claim exceeds three hundred dollars, may forthwith convene the directors.

The directors shall appoint a committee of three members of whom the secretary shall be one, to ascertain the amount of such loss, with authority to examine witnesses, to whom the secretary is hereby authorized to administer oaths.

Whenever the by-laws so provide, he may act in place of and with all the authority of such committee; and when the claim does not exceed three hundred dollars, the loss may be ascertained by the president and secretary, or either, with like authority.

In case of failure of the parties to agree as to the amount of loss it is mutually agreed that the amount of such loss shall be referred to three disinterested men, the company and the insured, each choosing one, the third to be selected by the two so chosen.

The award, in writing, by a majority of the referees shall be conclusive and final upon the parties as to the amount of loss or damage, and such reference, unless waived by the parties, shall be a condition precedent to any right of action in law or equity, to

recover for such loss; but no person shall be chosen to act as referee against the objection of either party who has acted in like capacity within four months.

The referees shall have full authority to examine witnesses and determine all matters of dispute and shall make their award in writing to the president or secretary of such company. The said referees shall each be allowed the sum of \$5.00 per day for each day's service so rendered, and the sum of *ten (10)* cents per mile for every mile necessarily traveled in discharge of such duties, which shall be paid by the claimant, together with the fees of any witnesses that may have been called by the company, unless the award of such referees shall exceed the sum offered in liquidation of such loss or damage, in which case said expenses shall be paid by the company."

Approved March 10, 1925.

CHAPTER 57—S. F. No. 240.

(Sec. 10947, G. S. 1923.)

An act to amend Section 7 of Chapter 95, General Laws 1923 relating to the preparation and publication of a compilation of the General Statutes of Minnesota, and to the purchase by the state of copies thereof for the use of various officers and departments.

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

Section 1. Secretary of State to purchase additional copies of General Statutes 1923.—That Section 7 of Chapter 95, General Laws 1923, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 7. The Secretary of State is hereby authorized to purchase *twelve hundred* copies of such compilation to be distributed by him as follows: Three copies to each justice of the supreme court; one copy to each judge of a district court; one copy each to the probate judge, county attorney, auditor, treasurer, register of deeds and clerk of court of each county; one additional copy to the clerk of each district court, for use in the court room of the district court of his county, and, where there is more than one district court room in the court house of his county, as many copies as there are court rooms, one copy for each of said court rooms; one copy to each municipal court (two or more copies where there are two or more judges); *forty-five* copies to the law library of the state; ten copies to the law school of the state university; *twenty* copies to the office of the attorney general; one or more copies as they may be required to the various executive officers, administrative boards, and societies of the state government; one copy to each