

"Section 13-A. *The jury in civil actions shall consist of either twelve persons or six persons as demanded in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of this Act amending Section 9, Chapter 34, of the Special Laws of 1889. The provisions of Section 9301, General Statutes, 1923, with regard to a 'five-sixths jury shall apply where there is a jury of six persons as well as where there is a jury of twelve.'*"

Approved April 23, 1927.

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#### CHAPTER 411—S. F. No. 516

*An act to amend Laws 1925, Chapter 4, Section 4, relating to elections and the terms of office of elective officers in certain villages.*

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

Section 1. **Terms of officers in certain villages.**—That Laws 1925, Chapter 4, Section 4, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 4. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday of December, 1925, and on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of December of each year thereafter, an election shall be held in each of such villages at which all village officers as specified in Section 2 of this act shall be elected each for a term of one year, excepting that one trustee shall be elected each year for a term of three years, commencing on the first day of January following their election; PROVIDED, however, that if at the time of said election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in December, 1925, there are any such village officers holding offices, the term of which does not expire until after the first of January, 1926, their successors shall be elected to hold office only for that portion of the one or three year term commencing January 1st, 1926, which shall remain after the expiration of the term of office of such officer whose term does not expire until after January 1st, 1926.

Provided that where there is a municipal court established in any such village the Judge or Judges of which heretofore have been elected for a term expiring prior to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in December, 1927, such Judges shall continue to hold office until the expiration of such term. At the election held in December, 1925, successors to such Judges shall be elected for a term beginning at the expiration of their then existing terms of office and expiring the 31st day of December, 1927. *If any judge of any municipal court established in any such village has been elected before the passage of this act for a term expiring after the first Tuesday after the first Monday in December, 1927,*

and before the 31st day of December, 1928, such judge shall continue to hold office until the end of the 31st day of December, 1928. In the year 1928 and thereafter there shall be elected at the regular village elections in all such villages municipal judges to succeed those whose terms, including any extensions thereof made by this act, will expire on December 31st next following the election, each judge so elected to serve for a term of four years, beginning January 1 next following his election, and until his successor is elected and qualified.

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#### CHAPTER 412—S. F. No. 288

*An act regulating the use of the highways, imposing penalties for the violation thereof, and repealing Chapter 416, Laws of 1925; Chapter 396, Laws of 1921; and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith.*

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

##### TITLE 1—DEFINITION OF TERMS.

Section 1. **Definitions.**—The following words and phrases when used in this act shall for the purpose of this act have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section, except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

(a) "Vehicle." Every device in, upon or by which any person or thing is or may be transported or drawn upon a public highway, excepting devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks; provided, that in as far as is applicable, for the purpose of Title II of this act, a bicycle or ridden animal shall be deemed a vehicle, and; provided further that this act shall not apply to street cars except where specifically so stated.

(b) "Motor Vehicle." Every vehicle, as herein defined, which is self-propelled.

(c) "Motorcycle." Every motor vehicle designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, except any such vehicle as may be included within the term "tractor" as herein defined.

(d) "Truck Tractor." Every motor vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry a load other than a part of the weight of the vehicle and load so drawn.

(e) "Farm Tractor." Every motor vehicle designed and used primarily as a farm implement for drawing plows, mowing machines and other implements of husbandry.