for one year from the said first Monday of the next July, and thereafter the members chosen to succeed said first appointees at the expiration of their terms shall each hold office for the term of three years, and each appointee provided for in this section shall hold office until his successor is appointed and qualified.

"In any case where a group of two or more counties have jointly acquired, established, equipped or maintained a sanatorium, and one or more counties in such group desires to separate from such group for the purpose of alone, or with another county or group of counties, establish or maintain separate sanatorium under this act, such county or counties desiring to withdraw from said group shall in writing, request permission of the remaining counties in such group to do so and to fix and determine the financial obligation of the petitioner and of the other remaining counties of the group. In the event that the majority of such remaining counties shall fail to consent to such withdrawal within 90 days of such request, or consenting fail to agree on said financial obligation, the county or counties desiring such separation shall through the county attorney make a petition setting forth facts showing that it would better serve the interests of all concerned that such county, either alone or with another group, carry on its work, which petition shall be presented to the district court of any county affected by said proceeding. Upon the presentation of such petition the court shall fix a time and place of hearing, and by order direct the other interested counties to appear not less than twenty days after the service of notice thereof on the several county auditors of the interested counties. At the time so fixed, or at any other time designated, the court, without a jury, shall hear said petition and such evidence as may be adduced by the parties, and, if the petition be granted, by its order detach the petitioner from the group to which it belonged, and may annex the same to another group, and may fix and determine the financial obligation of the petitioner with respect to the group of counties to which it was formerly joined, and also to the group of counties to which it may be annexed."

Approved April 11, 1929.

CHAPTER 161-S. F. No. 1022

An act to amend Chapter 91, Laws of 1925, Sections 2, 8, 13 and 15 thereof, as amended by Chapter 20, Laws of 1929, relating to salaries and expenses of certain county officials in certain counties.

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

- Section 1. Salary of county auditor and deputies in certain counties.—That Section 2, Chapter 91, Laws of 1925, be amended to read as follows:
- "Sec. 2. County Auditor, the sum of \$2,700.00 per year. There shall also be allowed for clerk hire in said office such sum as the county board shall determine, not exceeding, however, the sum of \$2,400.00 in any one year."
- Sec. 2. Salary of county board in certain counties.—That Section 8, Chapter 91, Laws of 1925, be amended to read as follows:
- "Sec. 8. County Commissioners, the sum of \$400.00 per year each, and in addition thereto each member of such county board shall also receive \$3.00 per day for each and every day necessarily occupied by him in the discharge of his official duties, while acting on any committee under the direction of the board, and nine cents per mile each way for each mile necessarily traveled in attending such county work, and shall be entitled to mileage and nine cents per mile each way for each mile necessarily traveled for attending meetings of the board, not exceeding twelve meetings in any one year, and in addition thereto each member of such county board shall also receive \$3.00 per day and nine cents for each mile necessarily traveled in attending the meetings of such board, when such board is acting as a board for the equalization of the assessment of the property of the county. The chairman of said county board shall also receive \$3.00 per day and nine cents for each mile necessarily traveled when acting as a member of the board of audit."
- Sec. 3. Salary of sheriff and deputies in certain counties.— That Section 13, Chapter 91, Laws of 1925, be amended to read as follows:
- "Sec. 13. Sheriff, the sum of \$1,800.00 per year. There shall also be allowed for the hire and compensation of a deputy sheriff such sum as shall be fixed by the Judge of the District Court, not, however, exceeding the sum of \$1,800.00 per year. The sheriff shall be allowed all necessary traveling expenses incurred by him or his deputy in the performance of the official duties of his office, provided that if he or his deputy shall use the sheriff's automobile for travel in the performance thereof, he shall be allowed and paid nine cents per mile for the use thereof. The salary and expenses aforesaid shall be in lieu of all other fees and expenses paid by the county, except for the board and care of prisoners, and in addition thereto he shall be allowed to retain all other fees earned by him in connection with his office."

- Sec. 4. County board may authorize clerk hire in certain cases.—That Section 15, Chapter 91, Laws of 1925, be amended to read as follows:
- "Sec. 15. The Board of County Commissioners may, by an affirmative vote of not less than four members, allow clerk hire in addition to the amounts above specified for the employment of an additional clerk, not exceeding, however, \$80.00 per month for any extra clerk hire in any office.

Approved April 11, 1929.

CHAPTER 162-S. F. No. 1204

An act to amend Section 4807, General Statutes 1923, relating to the giving or receiving of free transportation or any special privilege or reduction in rate for the transportation of persons of property or the transmission of any message or communication except to certain designated persons.

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

Section 1. Free passes prohibited—Exceptions.—From and after Jan. 1st, 1908, it shall be unlawful for any person, association, co-partnership, or corporation, or any representative thereof, to offer, give, or in any manner furnish to any person, either for himself or another, any free pass or frank, or any special privilege or reduction in rate withheld from any other person for the traveling accommodation or transportation of any person or property, or the transmission of any message or communication except to persons included within the classes hereinafter designated and limited. and it shall also be unlawful for any person or persons not included within the classes hereinafter excepted or limited to solicit or receive. either for himself or another, from any person, association, co-partnership or corporation, or use in any manner or for any purpose any free pass or frank or special privilege withheld from any person for the traveling accommodation or transportation of any person or property or the transmission of any message or communication; provided, however, that nothing contained in this act shall be construed to prohibit or to make unlawful or the issuing or giving of any such free ticket, free pass or free transportation to any person or persons within the classes hereinafter excepted or limited or the acceptance or use of the same by persons within such classes, that is to say, officers, bona fide agents, surgeons, physicians, attorneys and em-