

jurors, the method of drawing, and peremptory challenges in reference to same.

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

Section 1. Juries in certain cities.—In all counties of this state now or hereafter having a population of more than 400,000 the jury in civil actions shall consist of six persons; provided, that any party may have the right to increase the number of jurors to twelve by paying to the clerk a jury fee of *two dollars* at any time before the trial commences. Failure to pay such jury fee shall be deemed a waiver of a jury of twelve.

Sec. 2. Drawing of juries.—When a jury of six is to be drawn the clerk shall, unless a majority of the judges of the judicial district in which said county is situated shall otherwise provide by rule, draw ten names from the jury box in the first instance, who shall then be examined as to their qualifications to sit as jurors in the action, and if any one of said ten are excused for any reason then another may be called in his place until there are ten jurors in the box qualified to sit in the action. The parties shall have the right to exercise their peremptory challenges as to those ten. When the peremptory challenges have been exhausted, of the remaining persons the first six called shall constitute the jury.

Sec. 3. Application.—The provisions of Section 9294, General Statutes 1923, as to challenges shall not be affected by this act, except that when cases are tried by juries of six there shall be two peremptory challenges allowed instead of three.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 18, 1929.

CHAPTER 237—S. F. No. 602

An act relating to workmen's compensation insurance requiring certain risks to be borne by insurers, members of the rating bureau, and prescribing rules in connection therewith.

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

Section 1. Insurance companies must insure in certain cases.—It shall be the duty of companies carrying workmen's compensation insurance and being members of the rating bureau of Minnesota, as defined in the statutes of this state, to insure and accept any workmen's compensation insurance risk which shall have been tendered to and rejected by any three members of said bureau, in the manner herein provided.

Sec. 2. Bureau to fix premium rates.—When any such rejected risk is called to its attention and it appearing that said risk is in good faith entitled to coverage, said bureau shall fix the initial premium therefor, and upon its payment, said bureau shall designate a member whose duty it shall be to issue a policy containing the usual and customary provisions found in such policies therefor but for which undertaking all members of said bureau shall be reinsurers as among themselves in the amount which the compensation insurance written in this state during the preceding calendar year by such member bears to the total compensation insurance written in this state during the preceding year by all the members of said bureau.

Sec. 3. Bureau to adopt rules.—The bureau shall within thirty days after the approval of this act make and adopt such rules as may be necessary to carry this law into effect, subject to an appeal to the compensation insurance board as in all other cases.

Sec. 4. Insurance companies to come under act.—As a prerequisite to the transaction of workmen's compensation insurance in this state, every insurance carrier shall file with the commissioner of insurance written authority permitting said bureau to act in its behalf, as provided in this act.

Sec. 5. Effective July 1, 1929.—This act shall take effect and be in force on July 1, 1929.

Approved April 18, 1929.

CHAPTER 238—S. F. No. 665

An act to authorize the county board of any county in this state now or hereafter having an assessed valuation of not less than \$8,000,000.00 and not more than \$9,500,000.00 and containing more than 16 and less than 18 full or fractional townships to increase the