

sessed valuation, exclusive of moneys and credits, of not less than 1,000,000 nor more than 4,000,000 dollars, and having a population according to the 1940 Federal Census of not less than 9,500 nor more than 9,700 inhabitants, the annual salary of each county commissioner shall be \$375 per annum, and the annual salary of the County Auditor shall be \$2,400.

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CHAPTER 357—H. F. No. 934.

An act relating to searching for lost or abandoned property on state property, authorizing permits therefor, and providing for the disposal thereof.

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1. **Commissioners may grant permits to search for lost properties.**—Upon application therefor the commissioner of administration, hereinafter referred to as the commissioner, is hereby authorized to grant a permit to search upon lands owned by the state for abandoned or lost property.

Subd. 2. The commissioner may grant such permit upon such terms and conditions, including the division between the state and finder of the proceeds from such property, if unclaimed by the rightful owner, as he may deem proper. The commissioner may require from the applicant a bond conditioned upon the payment to the state of any damage to the premises whereon such search is to be conducted and for the faithful performance of the terms and conditions upon which such permit is granted.

Sec. 2. Subdivision 1. **Commissioner to have custody of property if found.**—All such lost or abandoned property, if found, shall be placed in the custody of the commissioner and held by him subject to the following provisions. If the rightful owner of such property is known to the commissioner, no publication of notice of the finding of such property shall be necessary. Notice shall be given to such owner by registered mail of the finding of such property and upon the payment by the owner of all expenses incurred in the search therefor such property shall be turned over to him. If the owner of such lost or abandoned property is unknown, the commissioner shall give two weeks' published notice in the county where such property is found of the finding thereof and elsewhere as the commissioner may determine. If

within six months after the publication of such notice or the giving of notice by him the rightful owner thereof claims the property, it shall be turned over to him upon payment of the expenses incurred in finding the same and the cost of the publication of such notice.

Subd. 2. If such property is not claimed within the time provided in Subdivision 1 hereof, the commissioner, if such property is not money, is authorized to have such property sold at public sale after two weeks' published notice thereof in the county wherein such property has been found and in such other newspapers as he may deem advisable.

Sec. 3. **State's share of property to be placed in revenue fund.**—All lost or abandoned moneys found under the permit granted hereunder, and the proceeds from the sale of other abandoned or lost property found under such permit, shall be deposited in the general revenue fund. The commissioner shall authorize in a manner provided by law the payment to the finder of the share due him under the terms and conditions provided when permission to search therefor was granted. There is hereby appropriated from the general revenue fund such amounts as may be necessary to pay to the finder the amount to which he is entitled under the terms and conditions of the permit granted to him.

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CHAPTER 358—H. F. No. 1004.

An act fixing the salary and clerk hire of the clerk of the district court in any county now or hereafter having an area of not less than 40 or more than 42 full or fractional congressional townships and an assessed valuation of not more than \$6,500,000, exclusive of money and credits.

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

Section 1. Salary and clerk hire of clerk of district court in certain counties.—In any county of this state now or hereafter having an area of not less than 40 or more than 42 full or fractional congressional townships and an assessed valuation of not more than \$6,500,000, exclusive of money and credits, the clerk of the district court, in addition to the fees collected by him in the performance of his official duties, shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of \$1,500 each year, payable in equal monthly