

publish in the volume of laws enacted at each legislative session a schedule of the times of holding court in the several counties as fixed by law."

Approved March 8, 1945.

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#### CHAPTER 66—S. F. No. 23

*An act relating to an additional assistant attorney general for the department of taxation.*

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

**Section 1. Assistant attorney general to be assigned to department of taxation.** The attorney general shall appoint an assistant attorney general, in addition to the number now authorized by law, who shall be assigned to the department of taxation. He shall receive the same salary as other assistant attorneys general, and the compensation and all expenses and disbursements of such assistant attorney general shall be paid from the moneys appropriated to and for the use of the department of taxation.

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#### CHAPTER 67—S. F. No. 214

*An act relating to Minnesota Statutes 1945.*

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

**Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945. Subdivision 1.** Immediately after the end of the biennial session of the Legislature in 1945, the revisor of statutes shall prepare and deliver to the commissioner of administration printer's copy for Minnesota Statutes 1945, which shall contain all the text embodied in the "Minnesota Revised Statutes" except as herein provided. The revisor shall incorporate with the body of the text of the "Minnesota Revised Statutes" the amendments made to any sections contained therein at the 1945 biennial session of the Legislature and omit any statutes expressly repealed at such session.

Subd. 2. The revisor shall compile and include in Minnesota Statutes 1945, in an appropriate place and classification, all laws of a general and permanent nature enacted at the 1945 biennial session, assigning to such laws, such chapter and section identification by the decimal system of numbering as is appropriate. After each section so included there shall be placed a source note indicating the chapter and section of the session law from which the same was derived. Chapters and sections so compiled and included shall be prima facie evidence of the law contained therein in all courts and proceedings.

Sec. 2. **Distribution.** Upon delivery of such printer's copy, the commissioner of administration shall print and deliver, as soon as possible, an edition of 4,000 copies. After making the necessary comparison, the revisor shall annex at the end of one copy of Minnesota Statutes 1945, which shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state as a public record, his certificate certifying that he has compared each printed section therein with the original section of the Minnesota Revised Statutes or with the original section contained in the enrolled act from which the section was derived and that all sections appear to be correctly printed. All other copies of Minnesota Statutes 1945 shall contain a printed copy of such certificate.

Sec. 3. **Competent evidence; exception.** Except as set forth in Section 1, Subdivision 2, Minnesota Statutes 1945 shall constitute competent evidence of the statutes contained therein in all courts and proceedings. Any section in Minnesota Statutes 1945 may be amended or repealed by reference to the section number, without reference to the legislative act from which compiled.

Sec. 4. **Construction.** The laws contained and compiled in Minnesota Statutes 1945 are to be construed as continuations of the acts from which compiled and derived and not as new enactments.

Sec. 5. **Headnotes no part of statutes.** The headnotes of the sections of Minnesota Statutes 1945 printed in black-face type are mere catch-words to indicate the contents of a section and are not any part of the statute, nor shall they be so deemed when any of such sections, including the headnotes, are amended or reenacted, unless expressly so provided.

Sec. 6. **Style; 1,000 copies to be bought and distributed by commissioner of administration.** Minnesota Statutes 1945 shall conform as to the size of each full page of printed matter, style, paper, and type with Minnesota Statutes 1941. The

commissioner of administration shall purchase 1,000 copies of Minnesota Statutes 1945 to be distributed by him in the same manner as were Minnesota Statutes 1941.

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#### CHAPTER 68—S. F. No. 262

*An act relating to forest fire prevention, amending Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 88.21, Subdivision 6.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 88.21, Subdivision 6, is hereby amended to read as follows :

**“88.21. Engines; operation, when forbidden.** Except when the ground is covered with snow, no *steam operated* donkey engine, tractor engine, sawmill engine, threshing engine, shovel, railroad ditcher, railroad wrecker, or portable engine or other engine or boiler, except any locomotives conforming to all the requirements of sections 88.02 to 88.21, shall be operated in the vicinity of forest, brush, peat or grass lands, unless and until the same is provided with a practical and efficient spark-arrester device.

The person in charge of such engine or boiler shall be held responsible for the good condition of the spark-arrester device, but without relieving the person owning or operating the engine from his responsibility hereunder. Any locomotive inspector appointed by the director is authorized to inspect any *steam operated* donkey engine, tractor engine, sawmill engine, threshing engine, shovel, railroad ditcher, railroad wrecker, or portable engine, or other engine or boiler operated in the vicinity of forest, brush, peat or grass lands, and to enter upon any property for such purpose whenever he may deem it necessary in order to see that all the provisions of the laws relating to the subject matter are duly complied with, and is authorized to use such methods as he may deem necessary in making up his records and substantiate his findings.

No *steam operated* donkey engine, tractor engine, sawmill engine, threshing engine, shovel, railroad ditcher, railroad wrecker, or portable engine or other engine or boiler, shall be operated in the vicinity of forest, brush, peat or