

neer of the district. Appeals to the district court shall be taken to the district court of the county in which the land lies. The notices required to be published shall be published in every case in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county or counties wherein the land lies. All reports and papers required by said sections to be filed with the city clerk shall be filed with the secretary of the district. Unless a lessor estate be designated, an absolute estate in fee simple, unqualified in any way whatsoever, shall vest in the district in every case of taking by the exercise of the power of eminent domain, and such estate shall not be limited or qualified in any way by construction.

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CHAPTER 163—H. F. 937

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*An act relating to the conciliation court of the city of Duluth; amending Laws 1927, Chapter 17, Sections 1 and 10 and Section 16, Subdivision 3, as amended; and repealing Sections 2, 8 and 20.*

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

Section 1. Laws 1927, Chapter 17, Section 1, is amended to read:

Section 1. **Duluth, conciliation judge, office abolished.** *When the present term of office of the person who holds the office of conciliation judge for the municipal court of the city of Duluth expires, or if a vacancy shall occur in said office prior thereto, the office of said conciliation judge is abolished. At that time, the powers, functions, duties and authority of said conciliation judge are transferred to, vested in and imposed upon the judges of the municipal court who shall exercise this authority as a conciliation court pursuant to the provisions of this act. The provisions of Laws 1951, Chapter 615, Section 4, pertaining to the salary of the assistant judge of said municipal court shall govern the salary of said conciliation judge during the time that office shall remain in existence.*

Sec. 2. Laws 1927, Chapter 17, Section 10, is amended to read:

Sec. 10. **Clerk, court officers.** The clerk and court officers of said municipal court shall be respectively ex-officio

clerk and court officers of the said conciliation court. The clerk of said municipal court, with the consent and approval of the judges, shall have the power to appoint one deputy clerk to serve as chief clerk of the conciliation court.

Sec. 3. Laws 1927, Chapter 17, Section 16, Subdivision 3, as amended by Laws 1953, Chapter 293, Section 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Rules prescribed.** The judge of the said municipal court may prescribe rules as to procedure, methods of producing evidence, general conduct of the case and the trial thereof, under the provisions of this section, and for carrying out all of the provisions of this act.

Sec. 4. **Repealer.** Laws 1927, Chapter 17, Sections 2, 8 and 20 are hereby repealed.

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CHAPTER 164—S. F. No. 704

*An act relating to firemen's relief associations in certain cities; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 424.12.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 424.12, is amended to read:

424.12 **Tax levy, salary deductions, benefit payments.**  
*Subdivision 1.* The city council or other governing body of each city wherein such a relief association is located shall each year, at the time the tax levies for the support of the city are made, and in addition thereto, levy a tax not to exceed one mill on all taxable property within the city.

*Subd. 2* When the balance in the special fund of any firemen's relief association in any city of the second class is less than \$100,000 the city council or commission or other governing body, shall, each year, at the time the tax levies are made for the support of the city; and in addition thereto, levy a tax of one mill on all taxable property in such city. When the fund shall reach or exceed \$100,000, the levy, each year, shall be one-tenth of one mill. In addition, and only if such tax is levied, the city treasurer, finance commissioner, or other officer charged with the responsibility of the city's finances, shall, each month, deduct two percent of the lowest salary paid to any fireman, and transfer the total thereof to the treasurer