

service as such judge and shall receive compensation upon his retirement, for life in the manner provided in this act.

Sec. 2. Laws 1951, Chapter 633, Section 2, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Sec. 2. **Procedure.** Subdivision 1. When any such judge desires to retire, he shall notify in writing the city council or city commission or other governing body of such city, that he is desirous of retiring, that he has served as a judge of the municipal court of the city for 25 years or more and is over 70 years of age.

Approved March 15, 1955.

CHAPTER 162—H. F. 921

An act relating to the Minneapolis-St. Paul Sanitary District; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 445.14.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 445.14, is amended to read:

445.14 Land, easements; acquisition. The trustees may from time to time acquire in the name of the district by purchase, deed, grant, lease, devise or condemnation every such right, title and easement in land *public or private* within and/or without its corporate limits as it may deem expedient, including among others the right and easement to construct and maintain underground conduits with or without disturbance of the surface. It may sell and convey land found unnecessary for its purpose, provided, however, that no sale of land be made by said board of trustees without first obtaining an order from the district court of the district in which such land is situated authorizing said sale, which order shall be filed with the secretary of said district, and the clerk of said district court.

Land, or any right, interest, estate or easement therein, may be acquired by the exercise of the right of eminent domain in the manner prescribed by Minnesota Statutes 1949, Sections 430.01 to 430.05, but without any assessment of benefits. All awards not set aside as therein provided shall be a charge upon the district for which its credit shall be pledged. The duties specified to be performed in said sections by the city council, the city clerk and the city engineer, respectively, shall be performed by the trustees, the secretary and the chief engi-

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.

Approved March 15, 1955.

CHAPTER 163—H. F. 937

[Not Coded]

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