

all proceedings for the registration of title to real estate shall be tried at the county seat of said county as now provided by law, and all other actions to determine title to real estate shall be tried at the county seat, except that by written consent of all the parties thereto any such action may be tried at said city of Virginia, at the village of Hibbing, or the city of Ely in accordance with such written consent; but no officer having in his custody any of the public records of St. Louis County shall be required to produce such record at the trial of any action not on trial at the county seat, save upon the order of the court providing for the production of such record and its immediate return to the officer producing it, upon its introduction as evidence in such cause.

Sec. 3. This act takes effect January 1, 1956.

Approved April 18, 1955.

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CHAPTER 486—H. F. No. 1470

[Not Coded]

*An act allocating income from certain lands held by the state to Lake of the Woods county.*

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

**Section 1. Income from certain lands allocated to Lake of the Woods county.** From and after the effective date of this act 90 percent of the proceeds paid to the state as income from the sale of lands or any products thereof, title to which lands is held by the state under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 84A.07, 84A.26 or 84A.36, and which lands are situated outside of a state forest and in the county of Lake of the Woods south of the Lake of the Woods and the Rainy River shall be paid to the county of Lake of the Woods.

**Sec. 2. Percentage of allocation.** Money paid to Lake of the Woods County under provisions of this act shall be allocated as follows: 20 percent to the county road and bridge fund, 45 percent to the school districts in which the land is located, and 35 percent to the county revenue fund.

Approved April 18, 1955.

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CHAPTER 487—H. F. No. 77

*An act relating to tests for alcohol in regulating traffic on highways; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 169.12.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 169.12, is amended to read:

169.12 **Vehicles, drug or liquor addicts not to drive.**  
*Subdivision 1.* It is unlawful and punishable as provided in this section for any person who is an habitual user of narcotic drugs or any person who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotic drugs to drive or operate any vehicle within this state.

*Subd. 2.* Upon the trial of any prosecution arising out of acts alleged to have been committed by any person arrested for driving or operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, the court may admit evidence of the amount of alcohol in the person's blood taken voluntarily within two hours of the time of the arrest as shown by a medical or chemical analysis of his breath, blood, urine or saliva. For the purposes of this section (a) evidence that there was at the time 0.05 percent or less by weight of alcohol in the person's blood is prima facie evidence that such person was not under the influence of intoxicating liquor; (b) evidence that there was, at the time more than 0.05 percent and less than 0.15 percent by weight of alcohol in the person's blood is relevant evidence but it is not to be given prima facie effect in indicating whether or not the person was under the influence of intoxicating liquor; (c) evidence that there was at the time 0.15 percent or more by weight of alcohol in the person's blood may be admitted as prima facie evidence that the person was under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

*The foregoing provisions shall not be construed as limiting the introduction of any other competent evidence bearing upon the question whether or not such person was under the influence of intoxicating liquor.*

*Subd. 3.* Every person who is convicted of a violation of this section shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than ten, nor more than 90, days or by a fine of not less than \$10, nor more than \$100. On a second or subsequent conviction he shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 30, nor more than 90, days or by a fine of not less than \$25, nor more than \$100, and his license to drive shall be revoked for not less than 90 days.

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