

Section 1. Laws 1957, Chapter 277, Section 1, is amended to read:

Section 1. **Cities fourth class, acquiring hospital.** Any city of the fourth class having a population of not less than 5,000 and an assessed valuation of less than \$3,000,000, and of which valuation more than 25 percent consists of iron ore, may incur indebtedness and issue and sell its bonds, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, and equipping of a community hospital.

Approved April 29, 1957.

CHAPTER 949—S. F. No. 1672

[Coded]

An act creating a presumption of due care in negligence actions.

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

Section 1. [602.04] **Presumption of due care in certain actions.** In any action to recover damages for negligently causing the death of a person, it shall be presumed that any person whose death resulted from the occurrence giving rise to the action was, at the time of the commission of the alleged negligent act or acts, in the exercise of due care for his own safety. The jury shall be instructed of the existence of such presumption, and shall determine whether the presumption is rebutted by the evidence in the action.

Approved April 29, 1957.

CHAPTER 950—S. F. No. 1877

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the salaries and compensation of certain officers in counties now or hereafter having a population of 550,000 or more; amending Laws 1951, Chapter 702, Section 1, as amended; repealing Section 2 thereof as amended.

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

Section 1. Laws 1951, Chapter 702, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1953, Chapter 753, Section 1, and by Laws 1955, Chapter 875, Section 1, is amended to read:

Section 1. **Hennepin county officers, salaries.** In each county of this state now or hereafter having a population of 550,000 or more, the county officers hereinafter named shall receive as full compensation for all services of every kind or nature performed as such officials whether pursuant to the laws of this state or of the United States, or of any home rule charter adopted pursuant to Article 4, Section 36 of the constitution of this state, stated annual salaries as follows, to-wit: county attorney, \$13,500; county auditor, \$9,800, and in addition thereto the county auditor may receive any sum not more than \$500 which may be otherwise provided for services as a member of a municipal building commission; county superintendent of schools, \$7,800; county surveyor, \$9,800; county treasurer, \$9,800; clerk of district court, \$9,800; coroner, \$8,500, and the coroner and deputy coroners shall be reimbursed for the use of their own automobiles in the performance of their official duties, on a mileage basis at the rate fixed by law; court commissioner, \$9,800, and in addition thereto the court commissioner may retain fees received for performing marriage ceremonies without accounting for the same or turning them in to the county treasury; register of deeds and registrar of titles, where the two offices are held by one person, \$9,800; sheriff, \$9,800. The board of *county* commissioners may fix the annual salary of each commissioner, which salary shall not exceed \$7,500 and such transportation and traveling expenses as allowed by provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 382.03. *The salaries herein fixed shall be paid on county auditor's warrants in equal semi-monthly installments.*

Sec. 2. **Repealer.** Laws 1951, Chapter 702, Section 2, as amended by Laws 1953, Chapter 753, Section 2, and by Laws 1955, Chapter 875, Section 2, is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect May 1, 1957, and shall expire June 30, 1959.

Approved April 29, 1957.

CHAPTER 951—S. F. No. 642

[Not Coded]

An act creating an interim commission to investigate and study the lower court system of the state and to consider and recommend legislation for the improvement of such system and appropriating money therefor and to study and investigate the best method of handling claims against the state.

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