

visions of civil service laws and rules, provisions relating to low bids, and requirements for budgets.

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CHAPTER 172—S. F. No. 942

An act relating to conciliation courts, providing a filing fee and amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 491.02.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 491.02 is amended to read:

491.02 Duties; powers. The conciliation judge shall have all powers of a court of conciliation and shall exercise all the special powers conferred by this chapter. The conciliation court shall be open at such times as shall be fixed by rule of the municipal court for the hearing and determining of controversies submitted to such court in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. When such judge is not acting as such conciliation court, under this chapter, he shall act as a regular judge of the municipal court. No costs shall be taxed to either party in this court *except that the plaintiff, upon commencing any action in such court, shall pay to the clerk thereof the sum of \$1.00 as a filing fee which may be included in any judgment in favor of the plaintiff*, but the judge may include in the settlement and judgment such actual disbursements of the prevailing party as are now allowed by law in civil actions, and as may seem to him just and proper, or he may refuse to include any disbursements if same shall appear just and proper, under the circumstances. The clerk and court officers of the municipal court shall be, respectively, ex officio clerk and court officers of the conciliation court, but neither the clerk nor any of these officers shall charge any fee for filing or serving any paper in any case brought under the terms of this chapter, while the same is pending in the conciliation court *except said original \$1.00 filing fee*. Causes in this court shall be conducted by the parties without attorneys, but a removal to the municipal court, as provided in this chapter, may be taken through an attorney at law.

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