

Sec. 2. This act shall be effective on and after July 1, 1957.

Approved April 27, 1957.

CHAPTER 787—S. F. No. 1204

[Not Coded]

An act appropriating money to compensate Cass County and its election precincts for court expenses and a special election due to the election contest of Seth Phillips and George Erickson.

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

Section 1. **Cass County, special election.** There is hereby appropriated out of funds in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$5,200 to the County of Cass to compensate said county and its election precincts for court costs and election expenses to the election contest of Seth Phillips and George Erickson.

Sec. 2. **Appropriation to election precinct.** Of the above sum the County of Cass shall reimburse each election precinct in said county the sum of \$50.

Sec. 3. **Limitation.** It is hereby declared as legislature intent that the passage of this act shall in no way be construed to be establishing a precedent in the event of future claims of this type, but is considered by the 1957 legislature only because of the distressed financial condition of Cass County and its election precincts.

Approved April 27, 1957.

CHAPTER 788—S. F. No. 1355

[Not Coded]

An act relating to free county libraries in any county having a population of 500,000 or more, and providing tax levies therefor.

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

Section 1. **Hennepin county free libraries.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 375.33, the county board of any county now or hereafter having a

population of 500,000 or more wherein there is now established and maintained a county library system for the free use of the residents of the county, may levy each year a tax of not more than two and one-half mills on the dollar of all taxable property which is not already taxed for the support of any free public library and all taxable property which is situated outside any city or village in which is situated a free public library. The proceeds of this tax shall be placed in the county library system.

Approved April 27, 1957.

CHAPTER 789—S. F. No. 1357

An act relating to the prohibition of strikes of certain public employees and adjustment of grievances of such employees; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 179.52, and adding new provisions.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 179.52, is amended to read:

179.52 Right of complaint not limited. Nothing contained in sections 179.51 to 179.58 shall be construed to limit, impair or affect the right of any public employee or his or her representative to the expression or communication of a view, grievance, complaint or opinion on any matter related to the conditions or compensation of public employment or their betterment, so long as the same is not designed to and does not interfere with the full, faithful and proper performance of the duties of employment; nor shall it be construed to require any public employee to perform labor or service against his will.

Public employees shall have the right to form and join labor organizations, and shall have the right not to form and join labor organizations. Public employees shall have the right to designate representatives for the purpose of meeting with the governmental agency with respect to grievances and conditions of employment. It shall be unlawful to discharge or otherwise discriminate against an employee for the exercise of such rights, and the governmental agency shall be required to meet with the representatives of the employees at reasonable times in connection with such grievances and conditions of employment. It shall be unlawful for any person or group of persons, either directly or indirectly, to intimidate or coerce any