

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, \$3,500, 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702, Section 2, as amended by Laws 1953, Chapter 753, Section 2, and by Laws 1955, Chapter 875, Section 2, is hereby repealed.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:

Section 1. Interim commission, lower court system of state. There is hereby created a commission to consist of fifteen members, five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker, five members of the Senate to be appointed by the Committee on Committees, and five members of the Minnesota State Bar Association to be appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Minnesota.

Sec. 2. Duties as to claims commission. The commission shall also study the problem of the most feasible method of handling claims against the state including the present claims commission system, and shall make a recommendation to the 1959 legislature.

Sec. 3. Duties. The commission shall make a detailed and comprehensive study of the lower court system of this state and of other comparable states and shall consider proposals for the improvement of such system for recommendation to the legislature.

Sec. 4. Meetings. The commission may hold meetings and hearings at such times and places as it may designate to accomplish the purposes set forth in this act. It shall elect a chairman, vice chairman and such other officers from its membership as it deems necessary.

Sec. 5. Expenses. Members of the commission shall be allowed and paid their actual traveling and other expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties but shall receive no compensation. The commission may purchase stationery and supplies, hire employees, and do all things reasonably necessary in carrying out the purposes of this act. The commission shall use the available facilities and personnel of the Legislative Research Committee unless the commission by resolution determines a special need or reason exists for the use of other facilities or personnel. Reimbursement for expenses incurred shall be made pursuant to the rules governing state employees.

Sec. 6. Report. The commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor not later than April 15, 1958.

Sec. 7. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated out of money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$25,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay expenses incurred by the commission. For the payment of such expenses the commission shall draw its warrants upon the state treasurer, which warrants shall be signed by the chairman and at least one of the members. The state auditor

shall then approve and the state treasurer shall pay such warrants as and when presented. A general summary or statement of expenses incurred and paid by the commission shall be included with its report.

Approved April 29, 1957.

CHAPTER 952—S. F. No. 1874

[Not Coded]

An act providing for a clerk and deputy clerk of the municipal court and their classification and salaries in each city having not less than 450,000 inhabitants; amending Laws 1955, Chapter 571, Sections 2, 3, 4.

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

Section 1. Laws 1955, Chapter 571, Section 2, is amended to read:

Sec. 2. Annual salaries. The annual salary of the clerks named in section 1 are:

Clerk of court		\$8,000
Chief Deputy clerk		6,400
Assistant chief deputy clerks, each		5,900
Senior deputy clerks, each	5,200 to	5,600
Junior deputy clerks, each	4,200 to	5,200

Sec. 2. Laws 1955, Chapter 571, Section 3, is amended to read:

Sec. 3. Minimum salaries, increases. Each junior deputy clerk and each senior deputy clerk shall serve in his classification for one year at the minimum salary for that classification, and his salary shall be increased at the end of each year's service by \$150 for junior deputy clerks and \$150 for senior deputy clerks until such salaries reach the maximum for such classification. Deputy clerks returning from active service in the armed forces of the United States shall receive automatic salary increases in the same fashion as though the time spent in said active service had been spent as a deputy clerk. With the approval of the judges, senior deputy clerks may be started in that classification at a salary more than the minimum and may be granted raises in excess of \$150 per year by the clerk. *All senior deputy clerks receiving the maximum salary at the time of passage of this act shall continue to receive such maximum salary.*