

sion 5, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 680, Section 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. The commission may employ an attorney at a salary not exceeding \$2,400 per annum, who may be regularly retained and perform such legal services and give such advice, as is required in the conduct of the normal business of the commission. The commission may pay to such retained counsel, and any attorney or attorneys they may deem expedient to hire specially, such additional reasonable sums for services rendered in connection with special work considered and determined by them to be in excess of normal requirements, including proceedings for the borrowing of money.

Sec. 3. *This act takes effect when approved by (1) a majority of the village council of the village of Hibbing, and (2) a majority of the water, light, power, and building commission of the village of Hibbing.*

Approved April 24, 1959.

CHAPTER 450—H. F. No. 248

[Coded]

An act relating to the transfer of civil and criminal cases from justice courts and courts presided over by a fee judge to a court presided over by a salaried judge.

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

Section 1. [542.155] **Proceedings commenced before fee basis judge.** Subdivision 1. Certain criminal matters: Whenever a person is charged with a criminal offense or violation of an ordinance in which jurisdiction is in a justice court or a court in which the judge is paid upon a fee basis, the defendant may at any time before trial demand in writing that his case be removed to another court having jurisdiction within the county and presided over by a salaried judge.

When such justice of the peace or such judge is furnished with a demand for change of venue, he shall forthwith transmit such files and proceedings to the court in the county to which transfer is requested by the defendant. Thereafter such proceedings will be had in such court to which the case has been transferred as if such proceedings had been originally commenced therein.

If the defendant is under bail, the bail shall be continued

with the same effect as if the bail had been authorized by the court to which the proceeding is transferred.

Subd. 2. In civil matters: Whenever a civil action is commenced in which jurisdiction is in a justice court or a court in which the judge is paid upon a fee basis, any defendant may at any time before trial demand in writing that the case be removed to another court having jurisdiction within the county and presided over by a salaried judge.

When such justice of the peace or such judge is furnished with a demand for change of venue, he shall forthwith transmit such files and proceedings to the court in the county to which transfer is requested by a defendant. Thereafter such proceedings will be had in such court to which the case has been transferred as if such proceedings had been originally commenced therein.

Subd. 3. Exception: No criminal proceedings or civil matter shall be transferred to the district court under this section and the provisions of this section shall not apply in any county wherein there is no court of appropriate jurisdiction presided over by a salaried judge other than the district court.

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CHAPTER 451—H. F. No. 1698

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the County of Ramsey, pertaining to automobile allowance to be paid to officers or employees using their own automobiles in the performance of their public duties; defining automobile allowance; and providing for authority to the governing body to adopt a resolution pertaining to the method and payment of such automobile allowance.

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

Section 1. Automobile allowances for officers and employees. The county board of Ramsey county is hereby authorized and empowered by resolution to provide for the payment of automobile allowance to any county officer or employee who officially uses his own automobile in the performance of his public duties. The resolution shall include any limitations as to amount and persons qualified for such automobile allowance, the formula to be used for such allowance, and any other