

hereby authorized on behalf of the state, for such price and on such terms and conditions, including provision for reversion in the event of nonuser, as the county board may prescribe, to convey to the United States or to the state of Minnesota upon tax-forfeited lands under the administration of the county, permanent or temporary easements for specified periods or otherwise for highways, roads and trails, flowage for development of fish and game resources, stream protection, flood control, and necessary appurtenances thereto.

Approved May 31, 1967.

EXTRA SESSION
CHAPTER 22—S. F. No. 26
[Coded in Part]

An act relating to the courts of Hennepin and Ramsey counties, improving the administration of justice therein; providing for additional district court judges; creating a family court division; and relating to the place of trial of certain civil actions brought against the state, its officers, departments or agencies; amending Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 2.722.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 2.722, is amended to read:

2.722 Hennepin and Ramsey counties; courts; reorganization; judicial districts. Effective July 1, 1959, the state is divided into ten judicial districts composed of the following named counties, respectively, in each of which districts two or more judges shall be chosen as hereinafter specified:

1. Goodhue, Dakota, Carver, LeSueur, McLeod, Scott, and Sibley; five judges; and four permanent chambers shall be maintained in Red Wing, Hastings, Shakopee, and Glencoe and one other shall be maintained at the place designated by the chief judge of the district;

2. Ramsey; ten // judges;

3. Wabasha, Winona, Houston, Rice, Olmsted, Dodge,

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Steele, Waseca, Freeborn, Mower, and Fillmore; six judges; and permanent chambers shall be maintained in Owatonna, Albert Lea, Austin, Rochester, and Winona;

4. Hennepin; ~~46~~ 18 judges;

5. Blue Earth, Watonwan, Lyon, Redwood, Brown, Nicollet, Lincoln, Cottonwood, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Rock, Faribault, Martin, and Jackson; five judges; and permanent chambers shall be maintained in Marshall, Windom, Fairmont, New Ulm, and Mankato;

6. Carlton, St. Louis, Lake, and Cook; six judges;

7. Benton, Douglas, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Otter Tail, Stearns, Todd, Clay, Becker, and Wadena; four judges; and permanent chambers shall be maintained in Moorhead, Fergus Falls, Little Falls, and St. Cloud;

8. Chippewa, Kandiyohi, Lac qui Parle, Meeker, Renville, Swift, Yellow Medicine, Big Stone, Grant, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, and Wilkin; three judges; and permanent chambers shall be maintained in Glenwood, Montevideo, and Litchfield;

9. Norman, Polk, Marshall, Kittson, Red Lake, Roseau, Mahnomén, Pennington, Aitkin, Itasca, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Beltrami, Lake of the Woods, Clearwater, Cass, and Koochiching; six judges; and permanent chambers shall be maintained in Crookston, Thief River Falls, Bemidji, Brainerd, Grand Rapids, and International Falls;

10. Anoka, Isanti, Wright, Sherburne, Kanabec, Pine, Chisago, and Washington; four judges; and permanent chambers shall be maintained in Anoka, Lindstrom-Center City, and Stillwater.

Sec. 2. [484.64] **Family court division; second and fourth districts.** *In the second and fourth judicial districts a family court division of the district court is hereby created to be presided over by a district court judge to be appointed by the chief judge of the district court to serve for a term of one year. The judges appointed to said office shall be designated as the judge of the family court division.*

Sec. 3. [484.65] **Matters heard and determined by family court division.** *The district judge, family court division, shall hear and determine all matters involving divorce, annulment or separate maintenance, including proceedings for civil contempt for violations of orders issued in such proceedings. In addition, he shall hear and*

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determine paternity actions, reciprocal enforcement of support actions and criminal non-support cases.

Sec. 4. **[484.66] Chambers, court rooms, personnel.** *The board of county commissioners of Hennepin and Ramsey counties shall provide suitable chambers and court room space, clerks, reporters, bailiffs, and one or referees and other personnel to assist said judge, together with necessary library, supplies, stationery and other expenses necessary thereto.*

Sec. 5. **[484.67] Assignment of judges.** *In cases of absence, sickness or other disability which prevents said judge from performing his duties, the chief judge of the district court of the second and fourth judicial districts may designate or assign one or more of the other judges of the district court to perform the duties of the district judge, family court division. The chief judge of the district court may assign one or more family court matters to another judge of said judicial district for hearing and determination.*

Sec. 6. **[484.68] Designation to regular duties.** *The judge of the family court division may be designated in writing by the chief judge of the district court of the second and fourth judicial district to the regular or ordinary duties of a judge of the district court without thereby affecting the term of office to which such judge was appointed.*

Sec. 7. *Sections 1 through 6 of this act shall become effective on July 1, 1967.*

Sec. 8. **[542.18] State as party to civil action, removal from Ramsey county.** *Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the trial of any civil action in the county of Ramsey to which the state or any officer, department or agency thereof is a party may, in the discretion of the court, be removed to any other county in which one of the parties resides on motion made to the court as in civil actions by any of the parties to the action, if the court finds that such removal is (1) in the interests of justice, (2) that no party to the action will be prejudiced thereby and (3) that the trial of the action will be expedited thereby.*

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EXTRA SESSION

CHAPTER 23—S. F. No. 31

An act relating to tax-forfeited lands; authorizing certain ex-

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