

CHAPTER 802—S. F. No. 205

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An act relating to registers of deeds and registrars of titles; providing for security deposits to guarantee payment of the extension of credit.

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

Section 1. **[386.78] Register of deeds; security deposits.** The register of deeds in each county shall accept security deposits to guarantee payment of charges. Any person desiring to make such deposits may deposit any amount desired with the register of deeds who shall deposit this in a security fund with the county treasurer. The county treasurer may invest said funds and the income therefrom shall be deposited in the general fund of the county.

The register of deeds shall extend credit to any person who has made such deposit up to the amount of the deposit.

Any person may withdraw any such deposit provided that any unpaid items shall first be deducted therefrom.

Approved May 27, 1969.

CHAPTER 803—S. F. No. 667

An act relating to children; parental liability for damage done by children; amending Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 540.18.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 540.18, is amended to read:

540.18 **Children; parental liability.** Subdivision 1. The parent or guardian of the person of a minor who is under the age of 18 and who is living with the parent or guardian and who willfully or maliciously causes injury to any person or damage to any property is jointly and severally liable with such minor for such injury or damage to an amount not exceeding \$100, if such minor would have been liable for such injury or damage if he had been an adult. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to relieve such minor from personal liability for such injury or damage. The liability provided in this subdivision is in addition to and not in lieu of any other liability which may

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exist at law. Recovery under this section shall be limited to special damages.

Subd. 2. This section shall not apply to persons having custody or charge of any minor under the authority of the welfare or corrections department of the state.

Subd. 3. ~~This section shall expire July 1, 1969.~~

Approved May 27, 1969.

CHAPTER 804—S. F. No. 678

An act relating to attorney fees; amending Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 611.07, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 611.07, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

611.07 Crimes; accused; counsel for defense. Subdivision 1. When a defendant shall be charged upon indictment or information or complaint for any felony or gross misdemeanor and shall request the magistrate to have counsel appointed to assist in his defense, and satisfied such magistrate by his own oath or other required proof that he is unable, by reason of poverty, to procure counsel, the county attorney shall immediately certify to the judge of the district court of the county wherein the preliminary examination is had that the defendant is without counsel and that he has sworn, under oath, that he is financially unable to procure counsel. The district court shall then appoint counsel, not exceeding two, for such defendant, prior to his preliminary examination by a magistrate, to be paid, upon his order, by the county in which the indictment was found, or complaint issued or information filed. If no counsel is appointed prior to the preliminary hearing the court shall appoint such counsel, not exceeding two, at any time thereafter when the defendant is without counsel and has sworn under oath that by reason of poverty he is unable to afford counsel. Compensation; ~~not exceeding \$25 per day for each counsel for the number of days he is actually employed in the preparation of the case; and not exceeding \$50 per day for each day in court for counsel for preparation and appearing in court,~~ together with all nec-

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