

## CHAPTER 582—S. F. No. 1134

*An act relating to resident owners of motor vehicles absent from the state six months or more appointing commissioner of highways to accept service of process in damage actions arising from use of highways; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 170.55.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 170.55, is amended to read:

**170.55. Non-resident owner; resident owner.** *Subdivision 1.* The use and operation by a resident of this state, or his agent, or by a non-resident or his agent of a motor vehicle upon and over the highways of the state of Minnesota, shall be deemed an appointment by such resident when he has been absent from this state continuously for six months or more following an accident or by such non-resident at any time, of the commissioner of highways to be his true and lawful attorney upon whom may be served all legal process in any action or proceeding against him, growing out of such use or operation of a motor vehicle over the highways of this state, resulting in damages or loss to person or property, and said use or operation shall be a signification of his agreement that any such process in any action against him which is so served, shall be of the same legal force and validity as if served upon him personally. Service of such process shall be made by serving a copy thereof upon the commissioner or by filing such copy in his office, together with payment of a fee of \$2.00 and such service shall be sufficient service upon said absent resident or said non-resident; provided, that notice of such service and a copy of the process are within ten days thereafter sent by mail by the plaintiff to the defendant at his last known address and that the plaintiff's affidavit of compliance with the provisions of this chapter is attached to the summons.

*Subd. 2.* The court in which the action is pending may order such continuance as may be necessary to afford the defendant reasonable opportunity to defend any such action, not exceeding 90 days from the date of filing of the action in such court. The fee of \$2.00 paid by the plaintiff to the commissioner at the time of service of such proceedings shall be taxed in his cost if he prevails in the suit. The said commission

shall keep a record of all such processes so served which shall show the day and hour of such service.

Approved April 22, 1949.

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CHAPTER 583—S. F. No. 1156

*An act relating to veterans service officers, providing for a tax levy to defray the cost thereof, and amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 197.60, as amended by Laws 1947, Chapter 408, by adding a new subdivision thereto.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 197.60, as amended by Laws 1947, Chapter 408, is amended by adding a new subdivision thereto as follows :

**Subd. 4. Veterans' service officer; appointment; compensation.** *In each county employing a veterans service officer, the county board may levy a tax annually sufficient to defray the estimated cost of all salaries and expenses necessarily incident to the performance by the veterans service officer of his duties during the succeeding year, and to make up any deficiency in the fund raised for that purpose during the preceding year in any county which has a population of 150,000 or less. The tax so levied may be levied in excess of and over and above all taxing limitations, including, but not restricted to, limitations based upon population or mill rates.*

Approved April 22, 1949.

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CHAPTER 584—S. F. No. 1171

*An act relating to the preparation of certain election ballots; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Sections 205.65, 206.23, 206.30 and 206.41.*

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