

CHAPTER 212—S. F. No. 799

An act relating to referees in probate courts in counties having more than 350,000 inhabitants; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 525.10 and 525.101.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 525.10, is amended to read:

525.10 Referee; appointment; bond. The judge of the probate court of any county in this state now or hereafter having more than 350,000 inhabitants may appoint one referee in probate who shall be a resident of such county and an attorney at law duly admitted in this state. He shall hold office during the pleasure of the judge appointing him. Such appointment shall be in writing and filed in such court. Before entering upon the duties of his office, he shall execute a bond to the state in the amount of \$1,000 approved by the county board and conditioned upon the faithful discharge of his duties. Such bond with the oath of the appointee shall be recorded in the office of the register of deeds and filed in the office of the secretary of state after approval as to form by the attorney general. The premiums on such bond and the expenses of such recording and filing shall be paid by the county. An action may be maintained on such bond by any person aggrieved by the violation of the conditions thereof.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 525.101, is amended to read:

525.101 Compensation of referee. Such referee shall receive from the county as compensation \$3,600 per annum *in counties having more than 500,000 inhabitants, and in counties having more than 350,000 and less than 500,000 inhabitants and for which no provision is made for cost of living increases, compensation of not to exceed \$10,000 per annum shall be fixed by its board of county commissioners, payable from the general funds of the county not otherwise appropriated, at the same time and in the same manner and subject to the provisions of law applicable to the compensation of the judge. The county shall furnish him with a suitable office in the court house or in some other suitable place or places designated by the judge. The judge may assign to the referee from the court's clerk and employees such clerical help as may be necessary to enable him properly to discharge his duties.*

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