

duly signed and attested as herein provided, shall be presented by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Governor for his signature; and upon the signature of the Governor being attached to said certificate of election, the same shall be delivered to the person or persons entitled to receive it under and by virtue of this Act.

Notice of election  
to be given by  
governor

SEC. 4. Upon the election of any person to the office of United States Senator, it shall be the duty of the Governor to notify, in writing, such person of his election; whereupon such person so elected shall notify the Governor in writing, his acceptance or rejection of such office. And in the event of his refusal to accept said office, then said office shall be declared vacant, and the Governor shall issue a writ for a new election; and if, at the time of such vacancy being declared, the Legislature should be in session, they shall at once proceed to an election of United States Senator, and in case of a vacancy occurring in the office of Senator of the Senate of the United States for this State during a vacation of the Legislature, the Governor of the State shall appoint some person or persons to fill such vacancy, until the next meeting of the Legislature.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

J. S. WATROUS,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

R. G. MURPHY,  
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

APPROVED—December eighteenth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven. S. MEDARY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }  
December 18, 1857. }

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original on file in this office.

CHAS. L. CHASE, Secretary.

## CHAPTER LXXXIV.

### *An Act to encourage the organization of Fire Companies.*

SECTION 1. Members of Fire Companies to be exempt from military or jury duty, and work upon the highways.

1. Five years service in a Fire Company, to exempt forever thereafter from military or jury duty, and work on roads.
3. Certificate of such service to be received as *prima facie* right to exemption hereinbefore mentioned.

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

SECTION 1. That any person who is now, or shall hereafter

be an acting member of any fire engine, hook or ladder, hose, or any other company for the extinguishment of fire, or the protection of property at fires, now existing and in active operations under the control of the corporate authorities of any town, city, or village in this State, shall, during the time he may continue an acting member of such company, be exempted from the performance of military duty in time of peace, from labor on the highways, and from serving as a juror; *Provided*, That the privileges aforesaid shall not be extended to any but active duty members, furnished with all the apparatus or equipage necessary, and all other members who have become disabled from serving as firemen, while in the discharge of their duties as such; *And provided also*, That such members shall not be deprived of said privileges in consequence of temporary absence from the place where such company may be located for a period of six months; provided it was the intention of such absentees to return and continue their duties in said company.

SEC. 2. That any person who shall have been such member of any such companies as are described in the preceding Section, and shall have faithfully discharged his duties as such, for the term of five years, shall be forever thereafter exempt from the performance of military duty in time of peace, from labor on the highways, and from serving as a juror, so long as such person shall remain a resident of the city or town wherein he became so exempt as aforesaid; *Provided*, That his said five years' service shall not be construed to mean only five consecutive years in the same company, but may consist of different periods of service, either in the same or in different companies, at different times, in all amounting to five years.

SEC. 3. That any person who has served five years shall be entitled to receive from the President or Foreman of the company, or companies of which he shall have been a member, a certificate or certificates to that effect, specifying the length of time he shall have served; and on presentation of said certificate or certificates to the Clerk or Recorder of the proper city or town, it shall be the duty of the said Clerk or Recorder to file the same in his office, and give his certificate, under seal, to the person entitled thereto, setting forth the name of the company or companies of which such person shall have been a member, and the length of time he has served in each company; and such certificate shall be received in all Courts and places as *prima facie* evidence that said person is entitled to the exemption hereinbefore mentioned.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

GEORGE BRADLEY,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
WILLIAM HOLCOMBE,  
President of the Senate.

Members of fire-companies exempt from military or jury duty or work upon highways.

Five years service exempt as above forever

Certificate of such service to be prima facie evidence to exemptions mentioned

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APPROVED—August the second, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

HENRY H. SIBLEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }  
August 2, 1858.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original on file in this office.

FRANCIS BAASEN, Secretary of State.

## CHAPTER LXXXV.

### *An Act to provide for the Organization of the Legislature.*

- SECTION 1. Secretary of State to prepare the Legislative halls for meeting of Legislature.
2. Certificate of Election from Register of Deeds to be *prima facie* evidence thereof for purposes of organizing the Legislature.
  3. Manner of organizing the Senate.
  4. Officers to be elected.
  5. Term of office for officers of Senate.
  6. Organization of the House of Representatives.
  7. Officers of the House to be elected.
  8. Oath of office to be taken by all officers.
  9. Term of office for officers of House.
  10. Appointment of messengers for both Houses.
  11. In elections for officers, a majority of votes cast necessary for a choice.
  12. Proceedings to obtain a quorum of members.
  13. Repeal of acts inconsistent.
  14. Act takes effect on passage.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Minnesota :*

SECTION 1. That immediately previous to any regular, adjourned, or called session of the Legislature, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to cause the halls in which the Senate and House of Representatives are expected to hold their sessions, to be suitably prepared for that purpose.

Secretary of state  
to prepare legisla-  
tive halls

SEC. 2. That the certificate of election, from the Register of Deeds of the proper county, shall be held and considered as *prima facie* evidence of the right to membership of the person certified therein to be elected, for all purposes of organization of either branch of the Legislature.

Evidence of mem-  
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SEC. 3. That at the hour of twelve o'clock, M, on the day appointed for the convening of any regular session of the Legislature, the President of the Senate, or in the case of his