

CHAPTER 187.

[H. F. No. 125.]

AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PRIVATE CONSULTATION BETWEEN ATTORNEYS AND PRISONERS."

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

SECTION 1. That all public officers, sheriffs, coroners, policemen, or other officers or persons, having in custody any person committed, imprisoned or restrained of his liberty for any alleged cause whatever, shall, except in cases of imminent danger of escape, admit any practicing attorney-at-law of this state who may have been retained by or in behalf of such person so restrained of his liberty, or whom such person may desire to see or consult, to see such person and consult with him alone and in private, at the jail or other place of custody.

Private consultation with prisoners.

SEC. 2. That all public officers or other persons having in custody any person arrested, committed, imprisoned or restrained of his liberty for any alleged cause whatever, shall, upon being requested so to do by such person so restrained of his liberty and before other proceedings shall be had, and as soon as practicable after such request is made, notify any practicing attorney-at-law residing in the town, city or place wherein such person is so restrained of his liberty, that such person desires to see and consult with the attorney so notified.

Officers to notify attorneys.

SEC. 3. Any public officer or other person who shall violate any provision of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period of not less than thirty (30) days, nor more than ninety (90) days, or by such fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of any court of competent jurisdiction; and such officer or other person shall also forfeit and pay to the person aggrieved one hundred dollars (\$100), the same to be recovered in a civil action.

Penalty for violations.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

When act to take effect.

Approved Feb. 21, 1887.