

CHAPTER 355.

[H. F. No. 862]

AN ACT RELATING TO THE COMMISSIONER'S DISTRICTS OF THE COUNTY OF WASECA.*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota;*

SECTION 1. That the third commissioner district of the county of Waseca, as the same is defined and renumbered under the provisions of an act entitled "An act to reduce the number of county commissioners of Waseca county, from six (6) to five (5), to limit the compensation of such county commissioners, and to rearrange the commissioner districts of said county," passed the present session of said legislature, shall have but one commissioner, and that, until his successor is elected and qualified, Philip Purcell, the present incumbent, be and hereby is declared such commissioner, and that the second commissioner district of said county, formerly consisting of the townships of Iosco and Janesville, is hereby abolished.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 25, 1887.

CHAPTER 356.

[H. F. No. 268.]

AN ACT TO FIX THE COMPENSATION OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF OTTER TAIL COUNTY.*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

SECTION 1. The compensation of the register of deeds of Otter Tail county shall be a salary of two thousand (2000) dollars per annum, in lieu of fees; said salary shall be payable in twelve (12) equal installments, one at the end of each month, by the county treasurer out of the treasury of the county, upon the warrant of the county auditor.

SEC. 2. An allowance, of not to exceed fifteen hundred (\$1500.00) dollars per annum, may be granted by the county commissioners at their annual meetings in January of each year, for the compensation of clerks or deputies for said register of deeds. The said register of deeds shall at the end of every month furnish each of the clerks or deputies in his employ, with a certificate of the compensation such clerk or deputy is entitled to for such month, and upon the presentation of said certificate the county auditor shall issue to such clerk or

deputy his warrant upon the county treasurer for the amount thereof. The allowance for clerk hire shall, in all cases, be for actual services rendered, and the total amount shall not exceed in any one year the amount as fixed by the county commissioners.

SEC. 3. The register of deeds shall, at the close of each week's business, pay to the county treasurer the amount received in fees for the week, and the county treasurer shall credit such sums to the revenue funds of said county, and shall issue duplicate receipts for the same, and deliver one to the register of deeds and one to the county auditor. Said receipt shall be kept on file in the offices of the auditor and register.

SEC. 4. The register of deeds shall keep in a proper book, to be prepared for the purpose, an exact account of all business of his office for each day, and therein record a minute of the nature of every instrument received for record or filed, and of every abstract of title issued or other business performed and a statement of the amount of fees received for the same.

SEC. 5. On the first day of every month the register of deeds shall file with the county auditor a statement of the total amount of business for the preceding month. Such statement to contain a summary of the various classes of instruments received for record or filed, abstracts of title and certificates issued and all other business performed by said register, and the amount of fees received for the same. Said statements shall be kept on file in the office of the county auditor, and the county auditor shall immediately cause the said statement to be published in some newspaper published at the county seat of said county.

SEC. 6. No instrument shall be received by said register for filing or for record, nor shall any official business be performed by said register or his clerks or deputies, except upon the cash payment in full of the legal fees for such filing, record or services, except in cases wherein payment is to be made by the state of Minnesota or the county of Otter Tail.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the board of audit of said Otter Tail county, at least three (3) times during each year, and at the same time said board examine the accounts of the county treasurer, to make an examination of the books, records, receipts and other matters pertaining to the office of register of deeds; to compare the receipts and vouchers on file in the auditor's office and in the register's office, and to make a report thereof in manner and form so far as consistent, as in their examination of the county treasurer's books and accounts.

SEC. 8. That all acts and parts of acts, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, so far as such acts or parts of acts are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first Monday in January, A. D. 1889.

Approved January 29, 1887.