

CHAPTER 94.

[H. F. No. 389.]

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER TWO HUNDRED AND FOURTEEN (214) OF THE SPECIAL LAWS OF MINNESOTA FOR THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIX (1876), RELATING TO JURIES IN THE COUNTY OF RAMSEY.

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

SECTION 1. That section four (4) of chapter two hundred and fourteen (214) of the special laws of Minnesota for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six (1876), relating to juries in the county of Ramsey, is amended so as to read as follows:

A list of grand jurors so made up shall be disposed of, and grand jurors shall be drawn and summoned in the manner prescribed in chapter one hundred and seven (107) of the general statutes, except that if there is a deficiency of grand jurors at any term of court, the court shall direct the clerk to draw from the box the names of persons to supply such deficiency, and the persons whose names are so drawn shall be summoned to supply such deficiency. The list of petit jurors shall be disposed of and petit jurors shall be drawn and summoned and deficiencies supplied in the same manner as hereinbefore prescribed in case of grand jurors, except that there shall be no petit jurors summoned for the first (1st) day of the term, but the first (1st) petit jury for the term shall be summoned for the first (1st) Monday of the term, and the number so summoned for the first (1st) Monday shall be fixed by order of one (1) of the judges, prior to the time of drawing the same, and shall not be less than forty (40); and no person shall serve as a petit juror for a longer period than two (2) weeks at any term of court unless sworn as a juror in the trial of a cause which is not concluded at the expiration of said period. At least three (3) days before the expiration of the period of service of a juror at any term of court, when a jury will be needed beyond such period, a new jury, of the number to be fixed by the judge presiding, shall be drawn by the clerk from the box and a *venire facias* issued therefor, returnable as directed by the court, and the persons so drawn shall be summoned by the sheriff and shall constitute the jury for an additional period of two (2) weeks or such portion thereof as may be necessary. *Provided*, When, by reason of challenge, or otherwise, a sufficient number of jurors from those duly drawn and summoned are not obtained for the trial of any civil cause or any indictment, the court may cause jurors to be returned from the by-standers or from the county at large, to complete the panel. No names shall be taken from the boxes except for the purposes and in the manner aforesaid, not except in the presence of the sheriff and a justice of the peace of said county or one of the judges of said court.

SEC. 2. This act shall be in force from the time of its passage.

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