

ployed for each and every day of registration, and the sum of twenty-five (25) cents per hour for services during voting hours on election day, and thirty (30) cents per hour for each hour necessarily engaged in counting ballots.

The ballot judges shall receive the same compensation as the regular judges of election during the time they are necessarily employed as such ballot judges.

Any special constable shall be paid the sum of twenty (20) cents per hour for such time as the judges shall require his services, not exceeding twenty-four (24) hours, his bill to be certified by the judges.

Of special constables.

The compensation provided for in this section as well as the expenses of providing ballot boxes and polling places shall be borne by theseveral townships, cities and villages where the election is conducted, and the city and village council and town supervisors shall, in the event of disputes, determine whether or not said judges or clerks were necessarily engaged for the length of time for which compensation is claimed.

Expenses to be borne by municipalities where elections are held.

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

Approved April 23, 1897.

CHAPTER 325.

H. F. No. 205.

An act to legalize the incorporation of church societies.

Incorporation of church societies.

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

SECTION 1. That all and singular the acts and proceedings had and done, or attempted to be had or done by and on behalf of the members and officers or official boards, or either, of any religious society or congregation of this state, or any persons whomsoever, to incorporate as a church society under any of the laws of the laws of this state, which incorporation is incomplete or invalid for informalities or non-compliance with statutory requirements are hereby legalized and made valid. And the incorporations so attempted are hereby declared in all respects valid, and such societies or persons so attempting to incorporate themselves as corporations are hereby declared properly and legally incorporated; *provided*, nothing herein shall affect any action or proceeding now pending.

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

Approved April 23, 1897.

H. F. No. 1029.

CHAPTER 326.

Term of district court in Chisago county.

An act to fix the time of holding special term of the district court in and for Chisago county in this state.

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

SECTION 1. That a special term of the district court in the county of Chisago, First judicial district of the state of Minnesota, shall be held on the second Thursday of May, A. D., 1898, and on said day each year thereafter, for the trial of civil and criminal cases and issues of law, and one of the judges of said district court may direct grand and petit jurors to be drawn and summoned for such special term in the manner prescribed by law.

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

Approved April 23, 1897.

H. F. No. 79.

CHAPTER 327.

Amending the penal code.

An act to amend chapter twelve (12) of title fifteen (15) of the penal code of the State of Minnesota.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter twelve (12) of title fifteen (15) of the penal code of the state of Minnesota is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section(s), to-wit:

Penalty for injuring wires, poles or apparatus of electric or telephone plants.

Sec. 491 A. A person who shall wilfully or maliciously destroy, injure, disconnect, displace, cut, break, deface, ground or in any way interfere with any pole, cable or wire legally erected, put up or strung, or any underground conduit, subway or cable, or any electrical or other apparatus, lamps, transformer, switch, appliance, instrument or machinery of any kind used in the construction of or in the operation of any electric or telephone plant,