

SECTION 1. That section fourteen (14) of chapter one hundred and ninety-nine (199) of General Laws of eight hundred and ninety-seven (1897) be amended as follows: By striking out the words "county commissioners" in the seventeenth (17th) line of said section fourteen (14) and inserting in lieu thereof the words "court commissioners."

Sec. 14. C.
199, Laws
1897, amend-
ed.

SEC. 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 11, 1899.

CHAPTER 154.

S. F. No. 30.

An act establishing a probation system for juvenile delinquents.

Juvenile delinquents,
probation of.

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

SECTION 1. In each county of the State of Minnesota containing more than fifty thousand (50,000) inhabitants there shall be appointed an officer to be known as a probation officer. The said probation officer shall be nominated by the state board of corrections and charities, but said nomination shall not be effective until it shall be approved and confirmed by a majority of the judges of the district court in and for such county, and such probation officer shall have the power and authority to appoint one or more deputy probation officers, subject to the approval of the judges of the district court. Said probation officer and his deputies shall be appointed for a term of two years, subject to removal by a majority of the district judges for cause.

Probation officer in counties of over 50,000; how appointed; powers of.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of said probation officer or his deputy to be present at all sessions of the municipal court in and for the principal city in said county, and to be present in the district court of said county, whenever any person under the age of eighteen (18) years is brought into court for trial, charged with incorrigibility, vagrancy or with any violation of any state or municipal law or ordinance or regulation. It shall be the duty of said probation officer or his deputy to be present in the probate court of such county whenever any such child shall be brought into said court for the purpose of having it determined whether such child shall be committed to the proper state institution.

Duty of probation officer and deputies.

Probation officers to represent interests of child.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the said probation officers to represent the interests of such child in court; to make investigations with reference to the case, which the judge may direct, to take an oversight of such child should the case be continued or the sentence be suspended, and in general to perform such acts with reference to such child as the judgment of the court may direct, which judgment may be such as shall be deemed for the best interest of the child and of society. Said probation officers shall not be active members of the regular police force, but shall in the execution of their official duties have all the powers of police officers. Any officer who refuses or neglects to make returns or to perform any of the duties required of him by this act shall forfeit two hundred (200) dollars to the use of the commonwealth.

Judge, upon conviction of child, may stay sentence, conditioned on good behavior.

SEC. 4. When any child under the age of eighteen (18) years shall be found guilty of the violation of any law, ordinance or regulation or of incorrigibility, or vagrancy in any court of record in any county containing more than fifty thousand (50,000) inhabitants, after pronouncing sentence, the judge may stay the execution of the sentence for such period as he may deem proper, not exceeding one (1) year, conditioned upon the good behavior of the child, committing the child on probation during such stay to the care of the probation officer, or he may return the child to the custody of his natural guardian, subject to the supervision of the probation officer, under such conditions as the court may prescribe. If at any time during the stay of execution of the sentence it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the court that the sentence should be enforced, the court shall have the power to revoke the stay of execution and enforce the sentence immediately. If at the expiration of the stay it shall appear to the satisfaction of the court that the said child has complied faithfully with the conditions of his probation the court may suspend sentence absolutely. The court may in its discretion hold separate sessions for the trial and disposition of such cases.

May suspend sentence absolutely at end of probation.

Person released to be furnished terms of release in writing.

SEC. 5. Each person released upon probation, as aforesaid, shall be furnished by the court with a written statement of the terms and conditions of his release. Each probation officer shall keep full records of all cases investigated by him, of all cases placed in his care by the court, and of any other duties performed by him under this act.

Probation officer to report to court.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of said probation officer to report in writing to the court, as often as the court shall require, with reference to the children committed to his care, and it shall be the duty of said officers to re-

port to the state board of correction[s] and charities the condition and disposition, and such other pertinent facts relative to such children, quarterly, on such blanks as the said board may prescribe and furnish. Said board shall also prescribe the forms of and furnish such other blanks and books of record as may be required in the execution of this act.

SEC. 7. The said probation officer shall receive from the county treasurer of the county wherein such services are rendered a salary of eight hundred (800) dollars per year, in counties of more than one hundred thousand (100,000) inhabitants, and three hundred (300) dollars per year in counties of less than one hundred thousand (100,000) inhabitants, and the clerk of the district court shall issue a certificate on the county treasurer for said amount to be paid in twelve monthly installments and shall be in full compensation for all services rendered by said officer and his deputies.

Probation officer, salary of, how regulated.

SEC. 8. All acts or parts of acts or provisions of acts which are inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 155.

S. F. No. 390.

An act providing for the issue of bonds for the purpose of building, enlarging, furnishing and equipping school-houses in school districts embraced within the limits of incorporated cities having a population of less than ten thousand (10,000) inhabitants.

School houses in cities of less than 10,000.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be lawful for the board of education or other board or body invested by law with the charge and control, direction and regulation of the public schools, in any school district embraced within the limits of, and whose district boundaries are co-terminous with the boundaries of any incorporated city having a population of less than ten thousand (10,000) inhabitants in this state, to issue its negotiable bonds in such amounts as may from time to time be found necessary, for the purpose of building or enlarging, furnishing and equipping, school houses in such district; *provided*, that no such

Board authorized to issue bonds for building and furnishing school houses.