

of Minnesota for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven (1897) be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

Applications for aid, how made.

Sec. 3. Applications from districts for aid provided for in this act shall be made to the superintendent of schools in the county in which such schools are located. County superintendents shall forward to the state superintendent of public instruction such applications as are endorsed and recommended by them. Applications so endorsed shall be acted upon in the order of their reception. The said superintendent of public instruction shall apportion to each of said schools which shall have fully complied with the provisions of this act, and with the rules and regulations provided for in section four (4) of this act, and whose applications shall have been approved by him the sum of fifty (50) dollars in each year. *Provided*, first, that the total amount of apportionment under this act shall not exceed thirty-five thousand (35,000) dollars in any one year.

Not more than 30 per cent of districts to receive aid.

Provided, second, that no more than thirty (30) per cent of the total number of districts in any one county shall in any one year be granted aid under this act.

Appropriation for; when and how distributed.

Provided, third, that any such rural school which maintains two (2) rooms and employs two (2) teachers, one of which shall hold a first-grade certificate and the second at least a second-grade, and which complies with all the other provisions shall be entitled to one hundred (100) dollars. The sum or thirty-five thousand (35,000) dollars is hereby appropriated annually, to be paid out of any moneys in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of this act, which amount, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, shall be paid upon the warrants of said superintendent of public instruction, drawn upon the state auditor.

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

Approved March 11, 1899.

S. F. No. 401.

CHAPTER 55.

Members of legislature

An act granting to the members of the legislature of the State of Minnesota power to administer oaths and to take depositions and acknowledgments.

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

SECTION 1. That every member of the legislature of the State of Minnesota shall have power throughout this state during the term for which he was elected, and while residing in the county or district from which he was elected, and without fee or reward, to administer all oaths required or authorized by law to be administered in this state, and to take and certify to affidavits, to take and certify depositions to be used in the courts of this state, and to take and certify to all acknowledgments to deeds, mortgages, liens, powers of attorney and all instruments in writing.

Empowered to administer oaths and take acknowledgments.

SEC. 2. Every member of the legislature may exercise the powers herein conferred upon him in every county throughout this state, and his official signature, if he is a member of the house of representatives, shall be, as nearly as may be, in the following form: A. B., Representative, District, Minnesota, my term expires Jan. 1, 19. If a state senator his official signature shall be, as nearly as may be, in the following form: A. B., State Senator District, my term expires Jan. 1, 19.

Power may be exercised throughout state.

Form of certificate.

SEC. 3. All the above granted powers when exercised by any duly elected and qualified member of the legislature of the State of Minnesota shall have the same force, effect and validity as like acts of notaries public in this state.

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

Approved March 11, 1899.

CHAPTER 56.

S. F. No. 214.

An act authorizing appropriations by boards of county commissioners in counties having a population of two hundred thousand inhabitants or more for public improvements in, on or about navigable lakes.

Navigable lakes, improvement of.

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

SECTION 1. That wherever there exists, in any organized county in the State of Minnesota having a population of two hundred thousand (200,000) inhabitants or more, a navigable lake or lakes, which is, or are, wholly or for the greater part thereof within the territory or limits of such county (and which is or are, not, either wholly or in part, within the corporate limits of any city in such county), the board of county commissioners of county is hereby

County commissioners may make appropriation for, in counties of 200,000 people.