

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.

authorized and empowered to appropriate, each year, from the general fund of such county, such sums for public improvements on, in or about said lake or lakes, as, in the opinion of said board, may be necessary. *Provided*, that the total amount of said sum or sums so appropriated shall not exceed the sum of five thousand (5,000) dollars in any one year. *Provided, further*, that the question of population shall be determined by the official census next preceding any appropriation made under the provisions of this act.

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.

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CHAPTER 57.

S. F. No. 65.

Summons in
justice court.

An act to amend section forty-nine hundred and sixty-six (4966) of the General Statutes of 1894, being section twelve (12) of chapter sixty-five (65) of General Statutes of 1878, as amended by chapter fifty-five (55) of General Laws of 1895, relating to requisites of summons issued by justices of the peace.

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

Sec. 4966 G. S.
1894 amended.

SECTION 1. That section forty-nine hundred sixty-six (4966) of General Statutes of 1894, being section twelve (12) of chapter sixty-five (65) of General Statutes of 1878, as amended by chapter fifty-five (55) of General Laws of 1895, be amended so as to read as follows:

Summons;
requisites of.

“Every summons or process issued by a justice of the peace shall run in the name of the State of Minnesota, be dated on the day it is issued, be signed by the justice issuing the same and be directed to the sheriff or constable of the proper county. It shall be entirely filled up and have no blank, either in date, or otherwise, at the time of its delivery to an officer to be executed. Every summons or process issued by a justice of the peace in a civil action shall not be returnable earlier than nine (9) o'clock in the forenoon nor later than five (5) o'clock in the afternoon, and every summons shall contain a statement of the amount claimed by the plaintiff.