

vided, the said officers shall consult with the commissioners of public printing in order that such reports may be uniform.

The governor, upon reviewing such reports, shall deliver the same to the commissioners of printing; and said commissioners are hereby authorized, in connection with the printing expert, to examine said reports, and shall be empowered to edit and condense such reports as are directed by law to be published, and determine whether any of the reports whose publication is not mandatory may not be published without detriment to the state or to the public; and shall determine the number of copies and the style of binding of each report to be published, except where otherwise specified by law.

Commissioners of printing and printing expert, duties.

In accounting under this act when a charge is allowed for binding, no charge shall be allowed for the folding, collecting, stabbing, stitching, end papers, drying and pressing sheets, or for lettering volumes, but all these items of work shall be deemed to be included in the charge allowed for binding.

Binding, folding, etc.

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

Approved April 14, 1903.

CHAPTER 204.

H. F. No. 305.

An act providing a contingent fund in each county of the State of Minnesota, for the use of the county attorney, for the payment of such expenses as are necessary and not otherwise provided for in the trial and preparation for trial of criminal cases, and in investigations before the grand jury, and providing for the auditing and payment of such expenditures.

County attorney's contingent fund.

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

SECTION 1. The county commissioners of each county in this state are hereby authorized and directed to set apart at their first meeting in January of each year, from any funds then in the county treasury, not specially appropriated or set aside for other purposes, in an amount to be fixed by said board of county commissioners, a sum of money not less than one hundred dollars and not more than one thousand dollars, to be used by the county at-

How created.

torney of each county as a contingent fund for the purpose of defraying such necessary expenses as are not otherwise specifically provided for in the trial and preparation for trial of criminal cases, and in the payment of such necessary expenses as are not otherwise provided for in conducting investigations by the grand jury.

Consent and approval of court.

SEC. 2. The county attorney of each county, by and with the consent and approval first had and obtained of the district court, or any judge thereof, in and for his county, is hereby authorized and empowered to incur the expenses specified in section one (1) of this act, so far as is necessary, to the amount annually appropriated by said board of county commissioners for said purpose.

Disbursements.

SEC. 3. All disbursements from said fund shall be made in the usual manner by the county treasurer of each county upon the warrant of the auditor of each county, which auditor's warrant shall be executed and delivered in an amount, and to the person designated by the order of the county attorney, countersigned by any judge of the district court for that county.

Itemized and detailed statement of expenses.

SEC. 4. Before any such approval shall be endorsed upon any such order of any county attorney so applying for the same, it shall be the duty of said county attorney so applying for the same, to present to said judge of the district court an itemized and detailed statement of the expenses, for the payment of which he then makes application, and which statement shall be verified by said county attorney in the usual manner, provided for the verification of claims against the counties of this state.

Verified statement to be filed with county auditor.

SEC. 5. Immediately upon such judge of the district court affixing his endorsement to said order of the county attorney, said judge, if in his opinion the public interests will not be prejudiced thereby, and if he be of the opinion that the public interests would be prejudiced thereby, then as much as the public interest will permit, shall file in the office of the county auditor of the county on which said order is drawn, said itemized and verified list so furnished by said county attorney.

Balance to be transferred to general revenue fund.

SEC. 6. Any sum remaining in said fund on the 31st day of December of each year shall then be transferred by the county auditor to the general county revenue fund of said county.

Provision for 1903.

SEC. 7. During the year 1903 the expenses mentioned in section one (1) of this act shall be paid in the man-

ner provided for herein from any funds in the county treasury not specially appropriated or set aside for other purposes.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 14, 1903.

CHAPTER 205.

H. F. No. 102.

An act to legalize conveyances of real property made by husband direct to wife, and the record of such conveyances.

Conveyance from husband to wife.

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

SECTION 1. That all conveyances of real property within this state made between March 20th, 1898, and March 22, 1898, in which a married man has conveyed real property directly to his wife, shall be and the same are hereby declared to be legal and valid, and the records of all such conveyances heretofore actually recorded in the office of the proper county shall be in all respects valid and legal, and such conveyances and records thereof shall have the same force and effect in all respects for the purpose of notice, evidence or otherwise as are or may be provided by law in regard to conveyances in other cases.

Between March 20, 1898, March 22, 1898.

Provided, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to any action or proceeding now pending in any of the courts of this state; *provided, further*, that this act shall not be construed to extend to any case where vested rights in any such property have been acquired by third parties.

Does not apply to actions pending. Does not extend where vested rights acquired by third party.

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

Approved April 14, 1903.