

required to be filed shall be verified by the oath of said clerk to the effect that the same is in all respects just and true.

Verified
by oath.

SEC. 14. The county auditor shall not deliver to said clerk the warrant for his monthly salary until said statement and duplicate receipt required herein shall have been filed with said auditor.

SEC. 15. Any falsification of the statement herein required to be made by said clerk and filed with said auditor shall be ground for his removal by the governor.

Ground
for removal
from office.

SEC. 16. In determining, at any time, to what counties this act shall apply, reference shall be had to the U. S. or state census last taken.

SEC. 17. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 18. This act shall not affect any actions or proceedings that have been or are now pending in said court, except that the fees for all certified copies furnished by the clerk since March 25, 1903, shall be in accordance with the provisions of this act.

SEC. 19. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 21, 1903.

CHAPTER 334.

S. F. No. 205.

An act to amend section seventy (70) of chapter forty-six (46) of the General Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine (1889), as amended by section six (6) of chapter one hundred and sixteen (116) of the General Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three (1893), and as amended by chapter one hundred and forty-nine of the General Laws of 1899, and by chapter one hundred and seventy-four of the General Laws of 1899, relating to the administration and distribution of estates of intestates.

Distribution
of estates
of intestates.

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

SECTION 1. That section seventy (70) of chapter forty-six (46) of the General Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine (1889), as amended by section six (6) of chapter one hundred and sixteen (116) of the General Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three (1893),

and as amended by chapter one hundred and forty-nine of the General Laws of 1899 and by chapter one hundred and seventy-four of the General Laws of 1899, be and the same is hereby amended so that the same shall read as follows:

"When any person dies possessed of any personal estate, or of any right or interest therein, the same shall be applied and distributed as follows:

Widow
allowed
wearing
apparel.

1. The widow shall be allowed all the wearing apparel of her deceased husband; his household furniture, to be selected by her, not exceeding in value five hundred dollars; other personal property, to be selected by her, not exceeding in value five hundred dollars; and such allowances shall be made as well when the widow receives the provisions made for her in the will of her husband, as when he dies intestate.

Allowance
to minor
children.

2. In case there is no widow surviving, then such allowance shall be made to the minor children, if any, and be selected by the guardian of such children.

Allowance
for main-
tenance.

3. The widow or children, or both, constituting the family of the deceased, shall have such reasonable allowance out of the personal estate as the probate court deems necessary for her and their maintenance during the progress of the settlement of the estate according to her or their circumstances, which, in case of an insolvent estate, shall not be longer than one year after granting administration, or in any case after the share of the widow in the residue of the personal estate mentioned in subdivision six of this section shall have been assigned to her.

When estate
does not
exceed \$150.

4. If, on the return of the inventory of any intestate estate, it appears that the value of the whole estate does not exceed the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars in addition to the allowance made for the widow and children, the probate court shall by decree for that purpose, after the payment of the funeral charges, and expenses of administration, assign for the use and support of the widow or widow and children constituting the family of the deceased the whole of such estate.

Payment of
funeral
charges.

Debts of
deceased.

5. If the personal estate amounts to more than the allowances mentioned in this section, the excess thereof shall, after the payment of the funeral charges, and expenses of administration, be applied to the payment of the debts of the deceased.

6. The residue, if any, of the personal estate, shall

be distributed in the same proportion and to the same persons and for the same purposes, as prescribed for the descent and disposition of real estate.

7. All of the foregoing provisions shall apply as well to a surviving husband as to a surviving wife."

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

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

Approved April 21, 1903.

CHAPTER 335.

S. F. No. 569.

An act to provide for the execution of contracts relating to state institutions under the control of the board of control of state institutions.

Board of control contracts.

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

SECTION 1. All contracts relating to state institutions under the control of the board of control of state institutions shall be made by it in writing, and signed by its chairman.

Shall be made in writing.

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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

Approved April 21, 1903.

CHAPTER 336.

S. F. No. 275.

An act for the preservation, propagation, protection, taking, use and transportation of game and fish.

Game and fish law.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a board to be known as the board of game and fish commissioners of the State of Minnesota, which board shall consist of five members, to be appointed by the governor as soon as this act is signed and takes effect.

Commission.

They shall serve without compensation, but each member shall be reimbursed for his actual expenses certified by him with a statement of items to have been necessarily incurred in the performance of his official duties.

No compensation.