

or as a member of any firm, or as an officer, agent or employe of any company or corporation, to require from any person, as a condition to any contract of employment, any written statement as to his participation in any strike, or any written statement as to his personal record, except as to conviction for crime or misdemeanor, for a period of more than one year immediately preceding the date of making application for such employment, and the use or requirement by any such individual or corporation acting in any of the capacities aforesaid of blanks or forms of application for employment in contravention of the provisions of this act are hereby forbidden.

SEC. 3. Any violations of any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding \$100.00, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not exceeding three months. Penalty.

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

Approved April 21, 1903.

CHAPTER 394.

H. F. No. 838.

An act relating to the decision of probate court, when and how made, and penalties for failure to make within a limited time. Decisions of probate court.

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

SECTION 1. Upon the trial of an issue of fact or law by the probate court, its decision shall be in writing. All questions of fact and law, and all motions, and matters which were submitted heretofore or which shall hereafter be submitted to a judge for his decision or disposition, shall be decided by him, and his decision or disposition shall be filed in the office of said probate court, in the files in said matter or cause, within ninety (90) days after such submission, unless prevented by sickness or unavoidable casualty. That the provision of this act shall be construed as mandatory and not directory, and the county auditor is hereby directed not to sign or to issue a warrant on the county treasurer for the payment of the salary, or any installment of the salary of any probate judge of the probate court of this state, unless the voucher or requisition for such warrant filed with the county auditor

Shall be filed within 90 days.

Salary forfeited in case of failure.

shall contain and be accompanied by an affidavit of the judge requesting such warrant, that all matters submitted to him for decision ninety days or more prior to the filing of said affidavit have been decided as required herein, unless a decision has been prevented by sickness or unavoidable casualty within the limitation of time herein fixed, said affidavit shall state the facts excusing the delay, and the making and filing of a false affidavit shall be deemed just cause for complaint to the governor of this state.

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

Approved April 21, 1903.

H. F. No. 841.

CHAPTER 395.

An act to legalize acknowledgments of conveyances and other instruments and the record thereof.

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

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SECTION 1. That all acknowledgments to any conveyances or other instruments heretofore taken by, and all oaths administered by any person previously appointed or elected, and then acting as a notary public or other officer authorized to take such acknowledgments or administer such oaths, who was at the time of the taking of such acknowledgment or administering such oath, a member of the legislature of the State of Minnesota, be and the same are hereby legalized and made of the same validity as though at the time of taking such acknowledgments or administering such oaths, such person was not a member of such legislature; and the record of such conveyances or other instruments is hereby declared to be legal and valid and effectual for all purposes.

Provided, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to or affect any action or proceeding now pending in any court of this state.

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

Approved April 21, 1903.